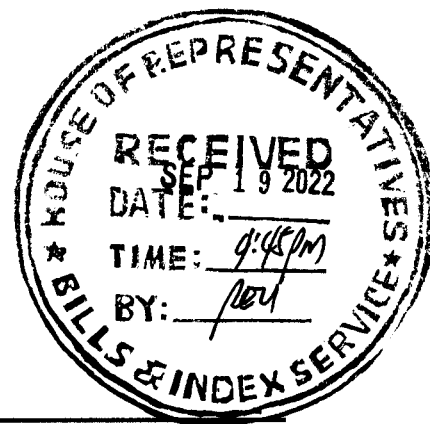


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recent times saw tremendous changes to the modes of education not only in the Philippines, but also around the globe. Data and information are readily available for those who have computers and internet access. And while this makes it easier to conduct research or learn more about a specific topic, particularly for our students, there is a very likely possibility that wrong or fake information would also be accessed.

Likewise, many Filipino families still lack the resources for internet access, let alone gadgets to aid in their education. This is a factor that could make school harder for them, or even dissuade them from pursuing their studies altogether.

Through online libraries, Filipino students and researchers would have access to reliable, correct, and updated information. Likewise, Filipinos – especially those in remote areas or poorer communities – would have safe spaces where they can avail free computer and internet services for school, research, or employment.

This bill seeks to establish online libraries in all barangay halls in the country. For the reasons stated above, the passage of this Act – which had been filed in the 17th Congress by Rep. Salvador Belaro – is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT CREATING AN ONLINE LIBRARY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

***Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:***

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Online Library Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. Declaration of State Policy. - There shall be established an online library suitable to Filipino students and researchers which will store, compile, classify, systematize, organize and make readily available data for free data and materials in different fields of study.

SEC. 3. The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA), in collaboration with the Department of Information, Communication and Technology (DICT) and Department of Science and Technology and other concerned government agencies shall be mandated to formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included on the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. All laws, orders, issuance rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are thereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,