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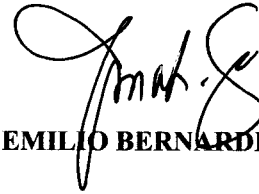
The manner in which audiovisual services are delivered and consumed in education is, in some ways, changing as a result of technological advancements like digital technology and internet dependence. The ongoing advances show that technology is not only an aid to education but also a crucial component of it.

Article XIV, Section 10 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, *“the State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to science and technology education, training, and services. It shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country’s productive systems and national life.”*

Thus, this bill seeks to establish one (1) Audio-Visual Center in each public elementary and high school that will provide audiovisual resources to promote an effective and engaging teaching and learning experience. With an audio-visual center, concepts can be illustrated via interactive audio and video presentations or animations. Multimedia resources are also employed to promote and drive learning among students, using auditory cues and stimulating visual effects.

The establishment will help meet the needs of both students and faculty, in response to a complex era of information technology. Through audiovisual resources, teachers and students will have access to research, communication, and analysis tools.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING ONE (1) AUDIO-VISUAL CENTER IN EACH PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF**

*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 "Public School
Audio-Visual Center Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy and Objectives.* It shall be the policy of the State to
give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization,
and to science and technology education, training, and services, to all citizens.
Furthermore, with modern-day advances in the field of communications that have
ushered in the creation of valuable devices and systems, the State shall also maintain an
education system that is relevant to the needs of society.

This Act shall attain the following objectives:

- A. Provide schools with audio-visual instructional and educational materials and equipment necessary for a wide range of communication-learning opportunities for students;
- B. Train educators and staff to supplement their expertise, technological competence, and solid library skills as leaders in information management.
- C. Provide access to adequate, updated, organized and varied formats of information resources, educational materials, and innovative services to

meet the academic needs of the school; and

- D. Strengthen community collaboration and cooperative relationships with other academic institutions to ensure that students in different institutions will be given the same quality of education.

SEC. 3. *Establishment.* The Department of Education (DepEd) shall use appropriate and effective AVRC in schools to ensure effective teaching-learning process, make education more actual, active, significant, and encouraging, and improve educational planning and management.

SEC. 4. *Audio-Visual Centers (AVRC).* Within a period of five (5) years, all public schools shall establish at least one (1) Audio-Visual Center that will provide and ensure increased access to educational media and technology. The schools shall supplement the technical aspect of the instructional materials and the development of technical skills to promote quality education.

The schools shall also establish and maintain a system which should have, at the minimum, the following equipment:

- A. Data Projector and Screen;
- B. Wireless microphone;
- C. Powered speakers;
- D. Educational Materials in various formats; and
- E. Wireless high-speed internet access

SEC. 5. *Training for Educators and Maintenance of AVRC.* The Regional Offices of the DepEd and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) shall carry out training for educators and staffs in schools to properly establish and manage the Audio-Visual Center in schools as part of the students' learning, and to allow educators and staffs to have mastery of AVRC equipment and resources for the maximization of the delivery of education.

The aforementioned agencies shall also monitor the use and operation of the AVRC introduced in schools.

SEC. 6. *Operation and Management.* Educators and staff of schools shall make full use of AVRC's available equipment to enhance traditional teaching and learning methods. This equipment may include, but shall not be limited to, data projectors, wireless microphones, powered speakers, educational materials in CDC and DVD formats, and wireless high-speed internet access where the students will be able to clarify, establish, and correlate concepts, understandings and appreciations.

Audio-visual centers in schools should be made available to students to stimulate and motivate learning and develop their communication skills.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the immediate implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be included in the regular appropriations of the Department of Education and the Department of Information and Communications Technology.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The DepEd and DICT shall, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or the Official Gazette.

Approved,