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HOUSE BILL NO. **7917**



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES LANI MERCADO-REVILLA,
BRYAN B. REVILLA and RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Injuries and medical emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere, including in learning institutions where learners spend most of their waking hours. Once the learners are inside the premises of the school, they are placed under the supervision, authority and care of the school. It is therefore necessary that the school personnel and teachers are equipped with basic first aid and life support skills to enable them to properly respond should medical emergencies occur, until qualified medical personnel are dispatched on scene.

A recent case involving a second-grade learner who died after choking on a chocolate¹ may have been prevented had there been a school personnel who was equipped with first aid knowledge to perform the Heimlich maneuver. First aid intervention is crucial in many cases involving injuries or incidents that are life-threatening.

This bill seeks to mandate the periodic training of teachers and school personnel in all learning institutions, both private and public, in order to equip them with knowledge on how to properly respond to injuries and illness in school. Knowing how to respond to a medical emergency may mean the difference between life and death. This measure also mandates that an emergency guidebook and training program is developed to serve as a standard reference for school personnel in quickly, safely, and effectively responding to medical emergencies in school or during school-sponsored activities.

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


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¹ <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1958789/bacolod/local-news/boy-9-dies-after-choking-on-chocolate>

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE PERIODIC TRAINING OF TEACHERS AND SCHOOL
PERSONNEL ON FIRST AID AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Basic Life Support Training for Teachers and School Personnel in Learning Institutions Act.*”

SEC. 2. *Coverage.* – All institutions of learning, both public and private, including but not limited to, schools, colleges, universities, vocational learning institutions, shall hold periodic training for teachers and the institution’s personnel on basic life support and first aid.

SEC 3. *Guidebook and Training Program.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), shall develop a guidebook and training program that shall serve as reference for school personnel in quickly, safely, and effectively responding to medical emergencies in school or during school-sponsored activities.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, DepEd, CHED, TESDA, in coordination with DOH, DILG, and NDRRMC, shall promulgate the corresponding implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – The funds necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be sourced from the respective budgets of CHED, DepEd and TESDA in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, section, or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgement shall not affect, invalidate, or impair any other provisions, sections, or parts hereof.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, circulars, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,