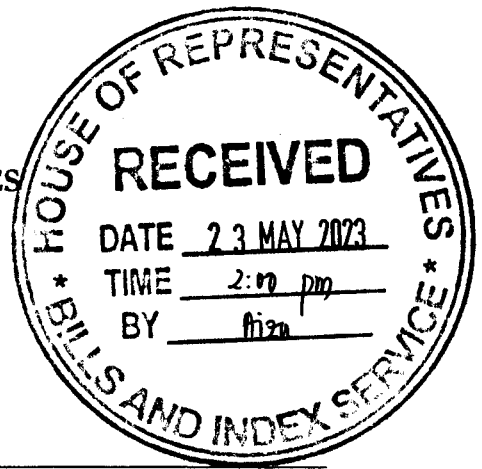


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HOUSE BILL NO. **8297**



Introduced by Representative Eduardo Roa Rama Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Scouting is a globally recognized institution and movement which provides the youth with a program that empowers them, by imparting unto them practical life skills, strengthening their character and competencies while fostering in the youth a spirit for service. Both the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines aim to prepare the Filipino youth to act as catalysts for change.

The inclusion of the scouting program in the elementary and junior high school curriculum under the K-12 program in our schools is in line with the policy of the State as laid out in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. As stated in Section 13, Article II of the Charter, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building, and in promoting and protecting their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social being. Similarly, the State is tasked to inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

Through the integration of a value-based, non-formal education through the Scouting Program, it shall reinforce nationalism among the youth through courage, discipline, and a dutiful sense of serving the community. With this, the Filipinos at an early age, shall already be presented with opportunities to hone their character and lay the foundation in becoming dependable, dedicated, and upright citizens of our country. In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM IN
THE ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM UNDER
THE K-12 PROGRAM IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE
PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

1 **Section 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Scouting Integration Act.”

2 **Section 2. *Declaration of Policies.*** – It is a declared policy that the State recognizes the
3 vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral,
4 spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and
5 nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

6 **Section 3. *Integration of Scouting in the Elementary and Junior High School***
7 ***Curriculum.*** – For the purpose of carrying out and effecting the declared policy, the Department
8 of Education, in coordination with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the
9 Philippines, shall integrate Scouting as a subject in the elementary and junior high school
10 curriculum under the K-12 program, in all public and private schools in the Philippines.

11 **Section 4. *Pool of Scouting Teachers.*** – It shall be mandatory for all schools to maintain
12 or employ at least one (1) teacher with sufficient knowledge and training in Scouting, as certified
13 by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines or the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

14 Teachers designated by their respective schools as members of the pool shall undergo
15 continuous scouting training, at no cost to the teacher.

16 **Section 5. *Equivalency Exemption.*** – All scouts who shall reach the rank of Eagle Scout
17 under the scouting program shall be exempted from the Basic Reserve Officer Training Corps
18 program or other similar programs which may be created and implemented in the future.

1 **Section 6. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of
2 this Act shall be sourced from the budget of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such sums
3 as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
4 General Appropriations Act.

5 **Section 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from its
6 constitution, the Department of Education, in coordination with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines
7 and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, shall formulate the rules and regulations for the effective
8 implementation of this Act.

9 **Section 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any section, clause, or term of this
10 Act is held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such parts not affected by such declaration
11 shall remain in full force and effect.

12 **Section 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, issuances, executive
13 orders, letters of instruction, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
14 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

15 **Section 10. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.