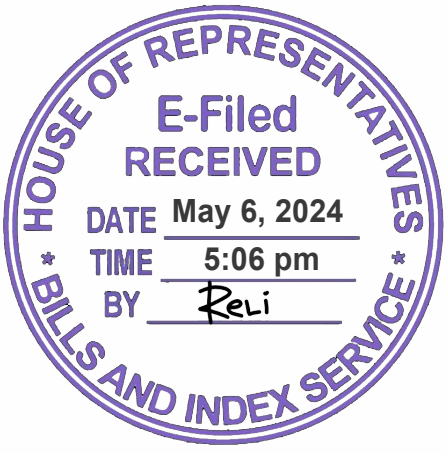
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HOUSE BILL NO. **10356**



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Mobile phones are efficient means of transmitting and receiving information. People can use their mobile phones to store music, communicate with friends and family, play games, browse the internet, and do various other things. Mobile Phones have grown in popularity in recent years due to their portability, cutting-edge features, and ability to interact with social media.

A mobile phone allows people to access their phone whenever and wherever they want. This is critical for students who wish to check their grades after school or ask their parents for assistance with their homework. It can also benefit teachers because it makes it easier for students to ask questions in class.

However, the bringing in and use of cellular phones in schools disrupts learning. The primary purpose of school is to learn. Cellular phones can hinder students' concentration. It can also make cheating easier. The concept of passing notes or answers to quizzes has made it to the digital age. This possibility of cheating and copying are limitless when students have access to cellular phones in class.

It is paramount that we know that cellular phones are just technological tool that allows us to do myriad of things, both good and bad. And, as younger students are bringing phones to school, it's worth thinking through the possible negative side effects that can come with it.

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

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AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES BY STUDENTS DURING CLASSES

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

SECTION 1. *Title* **. -** This Act shall be known as the "Cellphone Regulation in School Act of 2024".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* – The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

SEC. 3. *Coverage* – This Act shall cover all private and public kindergarten, elementary, secondary, senior high school and tertiary educational institutions.

SEC. 4. *Regulation of Cellphone Use in Schools.* - Except in cases of emergencies and teaching programs that necessitate the use of cellular phones, it is hereby prohibited for any students to use or access cellular phones during classes and/or during teaching activities are performed.

SEC. 5. *Device Depository* – Every schools and educational institutions are hereby mandated to establish a device depository office where the students can deposit their phones upon entering the school premises.

SEC. 6. *Regulatory and Punitive Measure.* – Every schools and educational institutions are hereby mandated to establish their own regulatory and punitive measures on the violation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Education in consultation with the private stakeholders shall issue implementing rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 8. ***Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 10. ***Effectivity.*** **-** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.