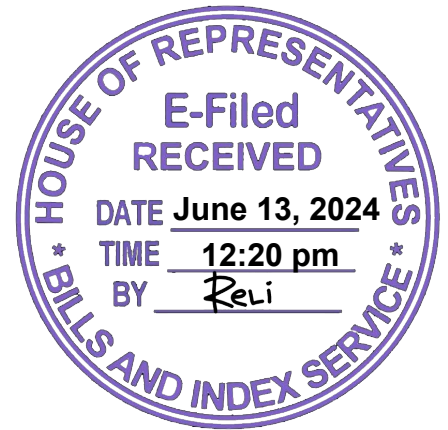


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Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The **1987 Constitution** mandates the State to support the education system through appropriate technology and research, through adequate financial, production, marketing programs and other support services.

The state recognizes, its vital mandate to provide the mechanisms to improve quality in public education by maximizing the use of all existing resources of this public and intermediate schools/institutions, recognizing in the process the government's responsibility to provide basic elementary and intermediate education, as having priority over its other functions.

This House Bill seeks to promote and make quality education accessible to all Filipino citizens.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT

AMENDING **SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT 4206, “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SCHOOL CHILDREN OF PUBLIC PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS”**, PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY — It is a declared policy of the State in conformity with the mandate of the Constitution, to promote and make quality education accessible to all Filipino citizens.

The State also hereby recognizes the complementary roles of public and intermediate educational schools/institutions in the educational system and the invaluable contribution that they have made and will make to education.

For these purposes, the State shall provide the mechanisms to improve quality in public education by maximizing the use of existing resources of public and intermediate schools and institutions, recognizing in the process the

government's responsibility to provide basic elementary and intermediate education, as having priority over its other functions.

SECTION 2. section 2 of RA4206 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Any person/institution who/that violates the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than One hundred Thousand pesos **(P100,000.00)** but not more than five hundred thousand pesos **(P500,00.00)** or imprisonment for not less than six **(6)** months or both under the discretion of the court.

Any director, officer or agent of a school/institution who shall authorize, order or perform any of the acts or practices constituting in whole or in part a violation of **RA4206**, and who has knowledge or notice of noncompliance received by the corporation from the concerned department, shall be subject to penalties to which that corporation may be subject.

In case the violation is committed by, or in the interest of a foreign juridical person duly licensed to engage in business in the Philippines, such license to engage in business in the Philippines shall immediately be revoked.

SECTION 3. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 4. PRESCRIPTION OF CRIMES. – The crime punishable under this Act shall prescribe in twenty **(20)** years.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,