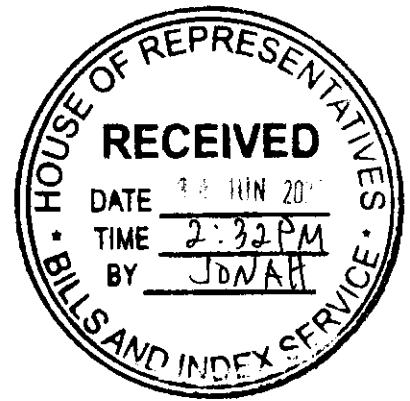


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Educational institutions are sometimes seen as a secondary dwelling for students, teachers, and administrators, as they devote a significant portion of their time in the pursuit of knowledge and the facilitation of instruction within these establishments. Nevertheless, despite the security measures implemented by the school administration, instances still arise in which the safety of instructors and students is compromised.

This bill aims to enhance campus security and raise crime awareness by mandating the installation of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras in all schools. The primary objective is to provide a safer environment for students, teachers, and staff members and deter criminal activities on school premises. By harnessing the power of modern technology, this Act seeks to bolster crime prevention efforts and facilitate prompt responses to security threats.

Through this legislation, we will be able to create a safe and secure educational environment conducive to learning and personal development. Through the widespread installation of CCTV cameras and the allocation of necessary funds, this bill represents a significant step towards enhancing campus security and crime awareness, fostering a sense of security, and promoting the overall well-being of students, staff, and parents within the education system.

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


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**AN ACT INCREASING CAMPUS SECURITY AND CRIME AWARENESS BY
INSTALLING CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN ALL
SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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 "Campus Security Act."

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It shall be the policy of the State to provide a safe and healthy environment for students by requiring educational institutions to disclose crime statistics that occur within the campus, its security policies and procedures, and to adopt modern technology in apprehending and preventing crimes to enhance security and maintain peace and order in every school all over the country.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act,

a) *Campus* refers to any establishment or property, grounds and buildings of an institution for educational purposes.

b) *Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV)* refers to any device or system that could be used to capture and record photo or still and moving or video images.

SECTION 4. *Installation of Closed-Circuit Television Cameras.* It is hereby mandated that every school nationwide shall install Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in strategic areas in their premises so as to capture photos and/or videos of possible crimes or untoward incidents that may occur.

SECTION 5. *Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics.* Upon effectivity of this Act, schools must annually collect and disseminate campus crime statistics and security policies to current students, employees, and prospective enrollees upon request. The annual security report should include information on current campus procedures and facilities for students, reports of on-campus criminal actions or emergencies, and the institution's response policies to such reports.

SECTION 6. *Appropriation.* The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the current annual budget of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). Thereafter, such sum needed for the maintenance of the CCTV device shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

For private schools and facilities, funding shall be included in their respective annual corporate budget.

SECTION 7. *Data Privacy.* The covered establishments shall ensure protection of data used and processed in the implementation of this Act. Persons handling sensitive personal information shall be educated of all relevant laws, concerning data privacy and protection. For this purpose, the provisions of the Data Privacy Act of 2021 shall have suppletory effect.

SECTION 8. *Implementation.* The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,