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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Every year, hundreds if not thousands of school buildings are damaged due to natural calamities such as typhoon and earthquakes. And according to the Department of Education, in 2024 alone, 1,855 school buildings were damaged by various calamities with a reported amount of Php 6.6 billion in classroom repairs and rehabilitation.¹ The Department also noted that it is imperative that the government prioritize building climate-resilient schools.

In addition, school buildings serve as evacuation centers during calamities, thus, it is important that the building itself can withstand natural disasters to provide safety to those who seek refuge therein.

It is now high time for Congress to take an active role to ensure that public school buildings be typhoon resilient by mandating executive agencies such as the Department of Education and the Department of Public Works and Highways to build and/or reinforce public school buildings through a typhoon resiliency plan.

¹ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2031385/fwd-deped-calls-for-increase-in-qrf-for-immediate-repair-of-damaged-school-buildings>

The proposed measure is likewise in consonance with Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which states that it is the duty of the Government to protect the life, liberty, and property, and promote the general welfare of every Filipinos.

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



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Typhoon Resiliency Plan for Public Schools Act”.

SEC. 2. Typhoon Resiliency Plan. – The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, shall create a Committee tasked to identify and assess the vulnerability of public schools based on frequency and intensity of typhoon in the location and structural integrity of school buildings. Thereafter, it shall create a classification system and identify each school building based on its vulnerability.

It shall also create and implement a Typhoon Resiliency Plan for all public school buildings in the country, in consideration of typhoon, earthquakes, fire, and other natural calamities.

SEC. 3. Requirement for Structural Integrity of Public School Buildings. – the Department of Education and the Department of Public Works and Highways shall construct, or reinforce existing public school buildings that can withstand at least a magnitude of 7.2

earthquake, and a super typhoon or tropical cyclone with sustained winds exceeding 185 kilometers per hour.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Education and Department of Public Works and Highways, in consultation with Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology and Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within sixty (60) dates from its effectivity.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,