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EXPLANATORY NOTE

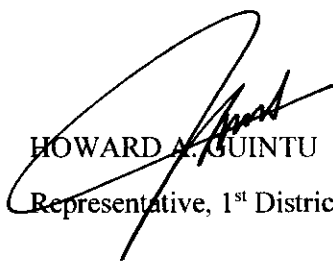
Section 4(1), Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution states that "[t]he State recognizes the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions."

In January 2023, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) raised the alarm on the increasing incidents of violence in schools and called on the government for heightened measures for the safety and security of students and teachers to avoid similar incidents from taking place in the future. These incidents of violence include stabbing, accidental shooting and bomb threats in different elementary and high schools.

According to the United Nations, violence has an adverse impact on academic achievement and subsequent education and employment prospects. These strings of violent incidents in schools disrupt learning and negatively affect the well-being of students.

Thus, this proposed legislative measure aims to mandate schools to develop security plans as well as to install closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras in all schools to deter crime and violence as well as to aid the authorities in the apprehension of the perpetrators of crime and violence.

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


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AN ACT
TO INCREASE 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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Campus Security Act."

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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

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

SEC. 5. *Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics.* - Upon effectivity of this Act, schools shall begin to collect the following information with respect to campus crime statistics and campus security policies and each year thereafter, prepare, publish, and distribute through appropriate publications or mailings to all current students and employees and to any applicant for enrollment upon request and annual security report containing at least the following information with respect to the campus policies and campus crime statistics of that institution:

- a. Statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for students;
- b. Reports of criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus; and
- c. Policies concerning the institution's response to such a report.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. - The budget necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). For private facilities, funding shall be included in the corporate budget.

SEC. 7. Data Privacy. - The covered establishments shall ensure protection of data used and processed in the implementation of this Act. Persons handling personal and 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 2012 shall have suppletory effect.

SEC 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.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. - If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, parts of provisions of this Act that are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees. Implementing Rules and Regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,