

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
1st Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6199



Introduced by Representative ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our measure proposes the **mandatory inclusion of a Life Skills Course** for students in both high school and tertiary education.

The primary **objective of this measure is to equip the Filipino youth with the essential knowledge and skills** required for their transition to adulthood and the new responsibilities that come with it.

This necessary course will cover practical subjects such as **taxation, personal finance**, social media literacy, **data privacy rights**, and **career planning**. It will also include instruction on essential government services and civic responsibilities to help students better understand the Philippine government, its structure, and programs.

Furthermore, the bill mandates that a Course Development Committee be formed to create the official content, and requires a **post-adoption review** to assess the course's impact and guide future improvement.

The passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


REP. ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
1st Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6199

Introduced by Representative ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL

AN ACT
TO REQUIRE ALL HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO TEACH A
MANDATORY LIFE SKILLS COURSE TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR
ADULTHOOD

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act will be known as the “**Act for the Development of Life Skills of the Filipino Youth.**”

SECTION 2. What are Life Skills? For this law, "life skills" means the necessary abilities and knowledge needed for daily modern living that are not necessarily tied to a specific job but are generally required for working-age adults.

SECTION 3. Mandatory Course on Life Skills. A Life Skills course must be taught in the curricula of all public and private high schools, colleges, and universities.

The course must instruct the youth on necessary life skills to prepare them for integration into adult society. The following topics, among others, must be discussed:

1. **Drivers and Pedestrian Education.**
2. **Basic Taxation:** How to compute income tax and other tax liabilities.
3. **Government 101:** Essential government services, how to get government documents, and basic civic duties.
4. **Basic Personal Finance:** Understanding financial statements, basic investing, insurance, and managing a budget.
5. **Social Media Literacy and Data Privacy Rights.**
6. **Career 101:** Basic resume writing and interview practice.

The course shall be a **prerequisite for graduation.**

SECTION 4. Course Development Committee. A Committee shall be formed within ninety (90) days of this Act taking effect to develop the course content and materials. This committee will include representatives from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the University of the Philippines, teachers’ associations, and the National Youth Commission.

SECTION 5. Subsequent Review. Five (5) years after the course starts, CHED, TESDA, DepEd, and the University of the Philippines will jointly assess how well the Life Skills Course has been implemented and is working. They will submit a report on their findings to the Office of the President.

SECTION 6. Funding. The initial amount needed, **five million pesos (PHP 5,000,000.00)**, will be set aside for creating the course materials. Any additional expenses will be included in the budgets of CHED, DepEd, and TESDA.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. Any laws, orders, rules, or parts thereof that conflict with this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If any part of this Act is found invalid, the remaining parts shall stay in full effect.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.