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HOUSE BILL NO. 6723



Introduced by Representative Giselle Mary L. Maceda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to incorporate scam prevention education in the senior high school curricula.

In today's digital age, the people across all ages are being immersed in the online world as information, services, opportunities and almost everything can be easily accessed through the internet. However, the daily exposure also brings heightened vulnerability and while it gives convenience of digital accessibility it also accompanied by greater risks.

According to Section 1, Article XIV of the Constitution it states that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

Pursuant to the constitutional mandates, it is the responsibility of the State to ensure that education must not only be accessible but also responsive in addressing challenges in our modern world.

The incorporation of scam prevention education is an important action from the State as the students who are engaging in the online world becomes vulnerable targets for scams. The State in its national effort in combating fraud and reducing cases of scams, must equip the students with knowledge and skill that will be able to recognize, avoid and respond to fraudulent schemes.

This bill will also promote community awareness as when a student becomes educated, they will be able to share it with their family, friends and people in community. With heightened awareness, it creates and strengthens the protection and security of the entire community not just in the classroom.

Furthermore, the integration of scam prevention education is not just only contribution to students' academic learning knowledge but a life skill to become a vigilant and responsible digital citizen in the modern world.

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



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AN ACT
INCORPORATING SCAM PREVENTION EDUCATION IN THE SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 the “Scam Prevention Education Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The constitution declares that it is the state’s policy to serve and protect the people, to prioritize education in order to promote patriotism and nationalism, and to recognize the vital role of communication and information in nation building. Towards this end, this Act aims to stem, if not eliminate different types of scams by inculcating in our youth and/or students the value of critical thinking. This will prevent them from falling prey to scams as they immerse themselves daily in the online world.

SECTION 3. *Inclusion of Scam Education in the Senior High School Curricula.* – Scam Education shall be part of the Senior High School curriculum in public and private schools.

The Department of Education (DepEd), in consultation with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and other concerned agencies shall immediately formulate necessary steps and measures to achieve the objectives of this Section.

SECTION 4. *Appropriation.* – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriation of the

Department of Education (DepEd), under the current General Appropriations Act. Such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - The DepEd, in consultation with the DICT, PNP and NBI among others, shall have the joint responsibility of adopting the implementing rules of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

SECTION 6. *Non-Impairment Clause*. - Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, impair, or repeal rights recognized, granted, or made available to disadvantaged, marginalized, or specific sectors under existing laws.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. - If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause*. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,