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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE BILL NO. 10515

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE MA. NINA FRANCESCA P. LACSON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Across the Philippines, accidents, natural disasters, and emergencies are recurring realities. Data from the Philippine Red Cross and the Department of Health show that thousands of Filipinos suffer injuries annually from road accidents, workplace hazards, and calamities such as typhoons and earthquakes. Yet, many victims could have been stabilized or saved if bystanders had basic knowledge of first aid and survival techniques. For example, the World Health Organization estimates that timely first aid can reduce preventable deaths by up to 15% in trauma cases. In disaster-prone countries like the Philippines, where an average of 20 typhoons strike yearly, survival skills such as evacuation readiness, CPR, bleeding control, and safe sheltering are not optional but essential. Integrating these competencies into the educational system ensures that every student, from elementary to tertiary level, acquires life-saving knowledge early on.

This measure also aligns with the Department of Education's thrust to promote holistic learning and disaster risk reduction education. By institutionalizing first aid and survival training, schools become not only centers of academic learning but also hubs of resilience and preparedness. The provision of funds guarantees that institutions can procure training materials, partner with accredited organizations like the Red Cross, and capacitate teachers to deliver standardized modules.

Ultimately, this Act seeks to cultivate a generation of citizens who are not only academically competent but also equipped to respond effectively in emergencies, thereby reducing fatalities, strengthening community resilience, and supporting national disaster preparedness goals.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nina Lacson".

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Manila Teachers Partylist

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**AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF BASIC FIRST AID AND
SURVIVAL SKILLS TRAINING IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL INSTITUTIONS
OF LEARNING AND PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Sec. 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as “Basic First Aid and Survival Skills Education Act.”

Sec. 2. Integration of Basic First Aid Training and Survival Skills training. - All institutions of learning, including but not limited to schools, colleges, universities, and vocational learning institutions, shall integrate into their respective curricula and make available to all its students relevant and updated subjects, units, electives, or courses regarding basic first aid training and survival skills training.

Sec. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations - The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), shall promulgate the corresponding implementing rules and regulations of this Act within sixty (60) days from the date of its effectivity.

Sec. 4. Appropriations. - The funds necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be sourced from the respective budgets of the CHED and the DepEd in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,