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AN ACT

STRENGTHENING CIVIC EDUCATION BY INTEGRATING THE STUDY OF THE CONSTITUTION INTO THE CURRICULUM OF BASIC EDUCATION AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF CONSTITUTION DAY IN SCHOOLS

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "Constitutional Education Act".

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3 **SEC. 2.** Article XIV, Section 3(1) of the Constitution states that all educational
4 institutions shall include the study of the Constitution as an integral part of the
5 curriculum.

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7 Article XIV, Section 3(2) of the Constitution also states that educational
8 institutions shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect
9 for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical
10 development of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen
11 ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline,
12 encourage critical and creative thinking, and broaden scientific and technological
13 knowledge.

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15 To this end, the State shall integrate the study of the Constitution into the
16 curriculum of basic education beginning in Grade 1 in order to promote constitutional
17 literacy, strengthen democratic values, and cultivate responsible, informed, and active
18 citizens.

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20 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Education (DepEd) is hereby mandated to
21 integrate the study of the Constitution into the curriculum of basic education beginning
22 in Grade 1.

1 It shall cover topics that include the following:

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3 (a) History and Overview of the Constitution;
4 (b) Nationalism and Sovereignty;
5 (c) The National Territory;
6 (d) State Principles and Policies;
7 (e) National Economy and Patrimony;
8 (f) Government Branches, Institutions, and Processes;
9 (g) Rights and Duties of Citizens;
10 (h) Citizenship and Suffrage;
11 (i) Democratic Values, Social Justice and Human Rights;
12 (j) Active Citizenship and People's Participation in Governance;
13 (k) Education, Science and Technology, Arts, Culture, and Sports;
14 (l) The Role of the Family;
15 (m) Constitutional Commissions;
16 (n) Local Government;
17 (o) Accountability of Public Officers; and
18 (p) Relevant Jurisprudence.
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20 **SEC. 4.** All schools shall observe Constitution Day on February 2 through
21 student-led civic activities, such as forums, student elections, and debates, that
22 encourage participatory democracy and deepen learners' appreciation of
23 constitutional principles and civic engagement.
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25 **SEC. 5.** The DepEd shall, in coordination with the Supreme Court, Integrated
26 Bar of the Philippines (IBP), and legal educational institutions, create training and
27 certification programs for teachers delivering the study of the Constitution. The
28 program shall form part of the required teacher education and professional
29 development, and may also include recognition for legal professionals who volunteer
30 instruction time, including Continuing Legal Education credits or formal
31 commendation.
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33 **SEC. 6.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the DepEd shall,
34 in consultation with the Supreme Court, IBP, and relevant stakeholders, promulgate
35 the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.
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37 **SEC. 7.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
38 or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act shall be
39 deemed repealed or amended accordingly.
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41 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
42 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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