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HOUSE BILL NO. 5123



Introduced by REP. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y. BELMONTE and REP. MANUEL DG.
CABOCHAN III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

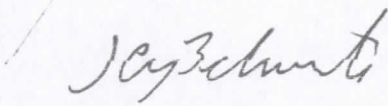
This bill pursues the mandate of the State, as provided in Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, to recognize the "vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."


World War II is a major historic event that has etched its mark in the history of nearly all countries in the world and has been memorialized, in their respective ways, by both allies and former belligerents alike. It is a period in Philippine history which showcased the valor of the Filipino people in all the islands of the archipelago, and ought to be recalled, reviewed, and studied especially the lessons learned in war, where the life of the nation was at stake.

This bill aims to encourage young Filipinos to emulate the virtues of our wartime leaders. It mandates the Department of Education to develop the instruction of *Readings in Philippine History II: World War II in the Philippines* in Senior High School, to inculcate in the hearts and minds of the youth the paramount values of patriotism and nationalism, as they bear the issues of war.

This bill aims to promote proper reflection and appreciation of events leading to the triumph of the Filipino people on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the invasion of the Philippine by Allied forces on October 20, 1944.

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


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE INSTRUCTION OF READINGS IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY II:
WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “World War II Education
2 Act.”

3 SEC 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to inculcate patriotism and
4 nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of
5 national heroes in the historical development of the country, teach the rights and duties of
6 citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal
7 discipline, encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and technological
8 knowledge, and promote vocational efficiency.

9 SEC. 3. *Mandatory Instruction of Readings in Philippine History II: World War II in*
10 *the Philippines.* – Pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 10533 or the Enhanced
11 Basic Education Act of 2013, the Department of Education (DepEd) is hereby mandated to
12 develop a course on *Readings in Philippine History II: World War II in the Philippines* as a
13 mandatory subject in the curriculum of Senior High School.

14 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Education (DepEd)
15 shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulation within one hundred and eighty (180) days
16 from the effectivity of this Act.

17 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be declared
18 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall
19 remain in full force and effect.

20 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, memorandum orders,
21 memorandum circulars, administrative orders, ordinances or parts thereof which are
22 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or modified
23 accordingly.

24 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
25 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of national circulation.

Approved,