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Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Home Study Program (HSP) is an alternative form of education where learning happens at home under the supervision of a teacher or tutor who regularly drops by the student's residence. HSP enables the students to study at home at their own pace and schedule. HSP caters to those who are unable to go to school on a regular basis due to health limitations, occupation (e.g. actors, concert performers, artists, etc.). HSP students are required to work on learning modules under the guidance of their parents, relatives or home companions. The assigned teachers monitor home study learning and conduct testing.

Article IV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "quality education at every level should be made accessible to all Filipinos, including self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs." While there are already a number of schools offering HSP (e.g. Angelicum College, AHEAD Learning Systems, Cebu International Distance Education College, The Master's Academy (TMA), and Seton Home Study School), each one is actually unique from the others in terms of content, strategies and grading system.

This Act seeks to address the need for regulation and standardization of Home Study Program (HSP).


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE REGULATION OF HOME STUDY PROGRAMS

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Home Study Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. The State shall establish means to promote quality education access to all.

SEC. 3. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Department of Education (DepEd) shall be mandated to establish standards and regulatory guidelines pertaining to Home Study Program (HSP).

SEC. 4. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.