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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 916



Introduced by Hon. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO POSTPONE THE OPENING OF CLASSES UNTIL THERE IS AN ESTABLISHED FRAMEWORK AND CLEAR GUIDELINES FOR AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, as of filing, there are already 14, 669 COVID-19 cases in the Philippines, 10,371 of which are active cases, according to the official website of the Department of Health.

WHEREAS, the current resources of our schools, specifically our public schools, state colleges and universities, are not designed according to the specifications of the established protocols of the Department of Health to control the spread of COVID-19 such as; social/physical distancing, limited socialization activities, practice of proper sanitation, amongst other things.

WHEREAS, educational institutions shall be provided with coherent plans and mechanisms that will allow for a more systematic conduct of classes and other related activities, and shall be given ample time to transition and adapt to the new normal of the country.

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education to do the following:

- a) Develop an alternative learning framework that is sensitive to the current capacities and limitations of our educational institutions;
- b) Formulate concrete action plans to operationalize the framework;
- c) Create an elaborate Curriculum Guide that identifies appropriate processes and strategies; and
- d) Enforce capacity-building activities to assist our educators in the implementation and management of an alternative learning system.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education to conduct the following activities:

- a) A comprehensive information dissemination to all parties concerned;
- b) An organized and systematic orientation for all students, teachers, parents, and other related institutions, on the implementation of an alternative learning system;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall set a specific period entirely for feedbacks, comments, and suggestions, for purposes of evaluation and refinement of the alternative learning system developed.

WHEREAS, although it is important to ensure the education of the youth, this shall not take precedence over the protection and preservation of human life. The government shall sustain its efforts to effectively confront and manage the challenges of this pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education to postpone the opening of classes until there is an established framework and clear guidelines for an alternative learning system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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