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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 295**

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on **MAR 11 2020**

Re: House Bill No. **6595**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2986

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go and Precious Hipolito Castelo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to which was referred:

House Bill No. 2986, introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo, entitled:

“AN ACT  
MANDATING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO INCLUDE IN THEIR  
RESPECTIVE CURRICULA THE INSTRUCTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER  
THAN ENGLISH AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT”;

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **6595**, entitled:

“AN ACT  
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN  
ENGLISH, AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2986 and with Representatives Precious Hipolito Castelo, Mark O. Go, Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano, John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, Angelo Marcos Barba, Ma. Victoria V. Umali, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Dahlia A. Loyola, Faustino V “Inno” A. Dy, Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales, Jr., Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, M.D., Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, Estrellita B. Suansing, Cesar “Jawo” L. Jimenez, Jr., Glona G. Labadlabad, Jocelyn F. Fortuno, Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr., Braeden John Q. Biron, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, and Joy Myra S. Tambunting as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



**MARK O. GO**

Chairperson  
Committee on Higher  
and Technical Education

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 6595**  
*(In Substitution of House Bill No. 2986)*

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**Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVES PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, MARK O. GO, DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO, JOHN MARVIN "YUL SERVO" C. NIETO, ANGELO MARCOS BARBA, MA. VICTORIA V. UMALI, LUISA LLOREN CUARESMA, DAHLIA A. LOYOLA, FAUSTINO V "INNO" A. DY, MA. THERESA V. COLLANTES, AURELIO "DONG" D. GONZALES, JR., MARICEL G. NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO, M.D., JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA, ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING, CESAR "JAWO" L. JIMENEZ, JR., GLONA G. LABADLABAD, JOCELYN F. FORTUNO, LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR., BRAEDEN JOHN Q. BIRON, RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, KRISTINE ALEXIE B. TUTOR and JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING**

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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

*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 "Foreign Language Education Act."

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3           **SEC. 2.** The teaching of a foreign language other than English, as an elective course, shall be  
4 included in the curriculum of higher education.

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6           The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No.  
7 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", shall develop the program to execute  
8 and implement this Act.

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10          **SEC. 3.** The foreign language elective course shall be a basic course for beginners and shall be  
11 designed as a three (3)-unit subject to be offered in all higher education institutions.

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13          **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall issue the rules  
14 and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

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16          **SEC. 5.** All laws, executive order, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or  
17 inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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19          **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this  
Act or any provision not affected shall remain in force and effect.

1       **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or  
2 in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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4       *Approved,*



FACT SHEET

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(In substitution of House Bill No. 2986)

AN ACT

**MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

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*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
Committee Chairperson: REP. MARK O. GO*

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To prepare students for the global workplace in a linguistically diverse world where, in many countries, English is not widely spoken
- To make students fluent in another language, aside from English

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Mandates that the teaching of a foreign language other than English, as an elective course, shall be included in the curriculum of higher education
- Instructs the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 7722, "Higher Education Act of 1994", to develop the program to execute and implement this Act
- Mandates that the foreign language elective course shall be a basic course for beginners and shall be designed as a three (3)-unit subject to be offered in all higher education institutions

- Directs the CHED, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, to issue the necessary rules and regulations.

**RELATED LAWS:**

- Republic Act (R. A.) No. 7722 (Higher Education Act of 1994)
- R. A. No. 10678 (Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education or the UniFAST Act)
- R.A. No. 10931 (Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act)