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HOUSE BILL NO. 4231

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Population explosion, by itself, is already a problem which is so huge for our government to address considering its multi-faceted impact on the delivery of government services, food security, provision of employment and general welfare of the citizenry. Recent statistics for 2016 put our present population at roughly 102, 808,117 with an annual growth in population of around 2,000,000 per year.

A great number of such increase in population comes from teenage mothers, those aged 12 to 17 who due to their teen years are not yet prepared to face the challenges of motherhood, a situation which severely impacts on the living condition not only of the child, but of the mother and, in many cases, that of the family of the mother.

To fully address the phenomenon of teenage pregnancy, we should start by incorporating in our school curriculum lessons on teenage pregnancy and population education.

The assistance of all pertinent government agencies, and the media, should also be tapped so as to properly guide our teenage daughters during their teenage years.



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Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

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**AN ACT**  
**INCORPORATING LESSONS ON TEENAGE PREGNANCY**  
**PREVENTION AND POPULATION EDUCATION IN THE**  
**CURRICULUM OF BASIC EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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 “Teenage Pregnancy Prevention and Population Education Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being.

SEC. 3. The Department of Education(DepEd) is mandated to incorporate in the curriculum of all schools offering basic education lessons on teenage pregnancy prevention and population education.

SEC. 4. The Department of Education (DepEd) is likewise tasked to formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act. In the formulation of such rules and regulations, the DepEd is likewise tasked to collaborate with all existing pertinent government agencies with a view of soliciting their assistance in the implementation of such rules and regulations. In the same manner, all such government agencies asked by the DepEd for assistance are mandated to render their utmost cooperation.

SEC. 5. The rules and regulations to be formulated under the preceding section should include those relating to the participation and assistance of the media, non-governmental organizations, and other civil society groups and entities.

SEC. 6. 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. 7. 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. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.