



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6139

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AND VILLARICA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 214

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND ENHANCING THE ROLE OF
PARENT-TEACHER AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS IN
PROMOTING THE WELFARE AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS
OF CHILDREN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 603, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE CHILD AND
YOUTH WELFARE CODE"

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the
"Parent-Teacher and Community Association Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — The State recognizes the
crucial role of parents, teachers, and the community in the rearing,
education, and development of children towards civic involvement.

Furthermore, the State, consistent with Article 29 of the
United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC),
recognizes that a child's education is directed not only to "the
development of the child's personality, talents, and mental and
physical abilities to their fullest potential" but shall extend to "the
broad range of life experiences and learning processes which enable

children, individually and collectively, and to live a full and
satisfying life within society."

SEC. 3. Article 77, Chapter II (The Home and the School) of
Presidential Decree No. 603, otherwise known as "The Child and
Youth Welfare Code", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 77. *Parent-Teacher AND COMMUNITY
Associations.* — Every [elementary and secondary]
BASIC EDUCATION school shall organize a [parent-
teacher association] PARENT-TEACHER AND COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS PTCA
[for the purpose of providing a forum for the discussion of
problems and their solutions, relating to the total school
program, and for insuring the full cooperation of parents
in the efficient implementation of such program]. THE
PTCA SHALL BE COMPOSED OF PARENTS, TEACHERS,
AND A DULY RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY GROUP. THEY
SHALL ELECT FROM AMONG THEMSELVES THEIR
RESPECTIVE SETS OF OFFICERS.

"All parents who have children enrolled in a school
[are encouraged to be active members of its PTA, and to
comply with whatever obligations] SHALL BE
CONSIDERED MEMBERS OF ITS PTCA AND ARE OBLIGED
TO COMPLY WITH THE DUTIES and responsibilities such
membership entails.

"[Parent-Teacher Association] PTCAS all over the
country shall [aid] ASSIST the municipal and other local
authorities and school officials in [the enforcement of

juvenile delinquency control measures, and in the implementation of programs and activities to promote child welfare.] PROMOTING THE WELFARE AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN INCLUDING SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

"PTCAS SHALL BE AFFORDED WIDE LATITUDE IN WORKING AND COORDINATING WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS, STUDENT COUNCILS, AND OTHER CONCERNED AUTHORITIES AS THEY COMPLEMENT THEIR WORK IN IMPLEMENTING A HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CHILDREN.

"GIVEN THEIR CRITICAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, PTCAS SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS PARTNERS OF GOVERNMENT AND, AS APPROPRIATE, THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS *EX OFFICIO* MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES PROVIDED FOR IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991'."

"ART. 77-A. *PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS OF THE PTCAS*. - THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS OF THE PTCAS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"(1) CREATE A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN TO ENSURE THAT THEY BECOME WELL-ROUNDED, STABLE, SOCIABLE AND CIVIC-ORIENTED CITIZENS AND TO SERVE AS THE FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS, SOLUTIONS, ISSUES, AND CONCERNS RELATIVE TO SUCH GOAL;

"(2) ENSURE THE FULL COOPERATION OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM;

"(3) CONSULT THE CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES, THROUGH THEIR STUDENT COUNCILS, IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES;

"(4) SERVE AS AN AVENUE FOR LOCAL SCHOOL STAKEHOLDERS TO DESIGN OTHER APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, DISCUSS ISSUES, IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS, AND RECOMMEND ACTION THAT WILL ADDRESS CHILDREN'S CONCERNS;

"(5) RAISE AWARENESS ON AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES AND ISSUES IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES AS MANDATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED);

"(6) ASSESS THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM THROUGH INCREASED COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION AMONG KEY LOCAL SCHOOL STAKEHOLDERS SUCH AS THE PARENTS, TEACHERS, COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND CIVIL SOCIETY;

"(7) PARTNER WITH THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND CONSULT STUDENT COUNCILS, IN THE DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, FOLLOW-UP, AND MONITORING OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS SUCH AS LITERACY, HYGIENE, HEALTH AND NUTRITION, AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, THAT REQUIRE THE FOLLOW-THROUGH,

1 SUPPORT, AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS;
2 AND

3 “(8) STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG
4 SCHOOL STAKEHOLDERS BY FACILITATING INFORMATION
5 DISSEMINATION AMONG PARENTS IN THE COMMUNITY ON
6 DEPED AND LOCAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES,
7 INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODES AND
8 PARTICIPATION IN MONITORING, ASSESSING, AND
9 EVALUATING THESE SERVICES.”

10 “ART. 77-B. *ROLE OF THE DEPED.* – THE DEPED
11 SHALL FORMULATE THE RULES WHICH SHALL ADVANCE
12 THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT. IT SHALL LIKEWISE
13 ENSURE COMPLIANCE OF BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOLS
14 IN ORGANIZING THEIR PTCAS.”

15 SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is
16 held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared
17 shall remain in force and effect.

18 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and
19 rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions
20 of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

21 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
22 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
23 general circulation.

Approved,