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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Everywhere in Social Media, there is a call for discipline; discipline in traffic, in waste management, and generally, in anything that pertains to coexisting in the same bounds. It is apparent that discipline cannot be taught overnight. Most of the time, establishing strict measures for the sake of discipline lead to public clamor because at the onset, it is seen as an inconvenience. At times when measures of discipline are really put forward, many if not all, find their way around it. It is what many have been accustomed to because it is the easier route.

The absence of Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) in the backbone of the country's basic education curriculum is an outright irony because respect, especially for the elderly is deeply embedded in our culture, hence all the more should its passing be sought after. It is high time that all children, rich or poor, be firmly educated with GMRC. Though parents are regarded as their children's first teachers, it is the duty of the State to establish the principles of GMRC as almost second nature to ensure a prolific future where ideally, citizens get along to achieve the common goal of development.

Our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal once said "*Ang kabataan ay ang pag-asa ng bayan.*" – from this, one can understand the importance of ensuring that in the formative years of children, the idea of good and bad is well-instilled into them. The revival of GMRC in the basic education curriculum is a way to achieve this. Instead of tirelessly pounding on the lack of discipline there is today, children, through the GMRC can pave the way to a better, more disciplined future. The passage of this bill is earnestly sought because a country can never fully develop if its focus is not people-centric, and all the more if it is not holistic.


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AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING GOOD MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT
AND CHARACTER EDUCATION IN THE BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress as-
sembled:*

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “GMRC Act of 2019.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of the youth, as the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building. Moreover, the State shall also inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

SEC. 3. *Institutionalization of Good Manners and Right Conduct as a Subject in the Basic Education Curriculum of Basic Education.* – Good Manners and Right Conduct is hereby institutionalized as a subject in the basic education curriculum.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Agency.* – The authority to regulate the implementation of Good Manners and Right Conduct in the curriculum of every educational institution offering the Basic Education Curriculum is hereby vested upon the DepEd.

SEC. 5. *Funding.* – The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the DepEd in accordance with the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Education shall promulgate within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision of this Act or any part hereof be declared invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,