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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Admittedly, the Government cannot afford to finance all the development requirements of the Philippine educational system. While the Government has done its best to allocate as much budget as it can to prioritize the needs of public elementary and high schools, as well as state universities and colleges (SUCs), the enormous budgetary demand to enable the Philippine educational system to lead-frog and become globally-competitive in terms of infrastructure, facilities, equipment, library holdings and human resource capacity building cannot totally be absorbed by the National Government.

This bill seeks to promote public-private partnerships (PPP) in education as inspired by the existing framework provided by existing laws relating to PPPs such as Republic Act 6957 as amended by RA 7718 (commonly known as the Build-Operate-Transfer Law) and its implementing rules and regulations (IRR) in order to complement the National Government's initiatives to improve the Philippine educational system. Under this proposed Act, the public elementary and high schools, as well as state universities and colleges (SUCs) are mandated to closely work with the PPP Center and the private sector in order to identify various opportunities for PPP to help address the pressing problems confronting the Philippine educational system.


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AN ACT
PROMOTING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES IN THE
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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 “Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in the Educational System Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. The State recognizes the crucial role of private and public schools in developing the most important resource of the country: its people. Undoubtedly, the quality of Philippine education needs to be raised to a level of excellence and global competitiveness.

SEC. 3. Scope. All public elementary and high schools as well as state universities and colleges (SUCs).

SEC. 4. Procedure. The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall work closely with private companies and industry leaders in order to develop linkages and partnerships that would help public schools generate funds to finance the development requirements of public schools in order to bring the status of public schools to a level on a par with global standards.

SEC. 5. All participating private companies shall be entitled to the same tax exemptions and benefits granted to educational institutions under the

National Internal Revenue Code in so far as their investment in the public schools are concerned.

SEC. 6. Additional rules and regulations which will further the purpose of this Act, including the adoption of the tax exemptions and other benefits granted to participating private entities under existing laws on Private-Public Partnerships may be determined or formulated by the DepEd, CHED and TESDA in consultation with the government's Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

SEC. 7. 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. 8. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. 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. 10. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.