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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to address the situation by requiring a yearly inspection of school facilities by a team composed of the school administration, representatives of the parents, the student council and health education authorities. This measure was previously filed by Senator Manny Villar in the 15th Congress. Passage of this Bill is earnestly sought now in the 17th Congress.



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**AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY SCHOOL INSPECTIONS TO PROTECT THE
HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "Healthy Learning Environment Act"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy – The 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, schools of all levels and training institutions are hereby required to conduct a yearly inspection of facilities relevant to the health and safety of the students and their teaching and non-teaching personnel, such as, but not limited to the following: water supply system, comfort rooms, cafeterias and restaurants and fire exits.

SEC. 4. The yearly inspection shall be conducted by a team composed of representatives of the following:

- a) School administration
- b) Parent organization
- c) Student council
- d) Local or national health authorities
- e) Department of Education or the Commission on Higher Education, as the case may be.

SEC. 5. The team shall conduct their inspection based on existing health and sanitation laws and guidelines and shall make the necessary recommendation to the school administration and government agencies concerned.

SEC. 6. No application for any tuition fee increase shall be approved by the Department of Education or the Commission on Higher Education unless a report of the said yearly inspection is submitted and substantial compliance to the recommendation of the teams is instituted by the school administration.

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within one hundred eighty (180) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall jointly formulate with parents organizations and other concerned agencies.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is found unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the unaffected provisions shall not be affected.

SEC. 10. Effectivity -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.