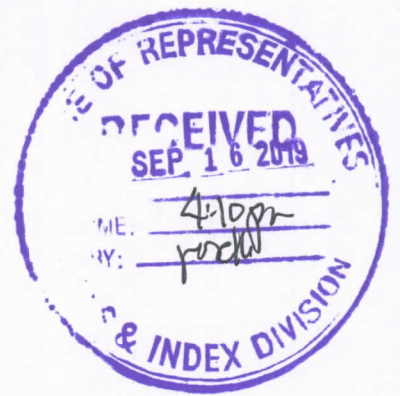


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4613



Introduced by Representative Romulo "Kid" Peña, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution provides: "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." In view of this, the State, in partnership with parents, must develop the socioemotional skills of its youth.

In 1991, when the former basic education program was still in place, a subject entitled "Good Manners and Right Conduct" (GMRC), was part of the regular basic education curriculum. However, the said curriculum was restructured in 2002. GMRC was taken out as a regular subject and integrated in Social Studies and other related subjects.


This bill seeks to revive GMRC and to include it as one of the separate subjects in the K to 12 program in basic education.

The necessity for such revival stems from the observation that the youth of today has a surplusage of role models for their behavior owing to the information explosion in this age of the internet. Modernization in a globalized village almost always results to confusion in the minds of our youth as the variety of influences make them vulnerable to the pervasive effects of pop culture, which is not always admirable and worthy of emulation. In fact, there is a detrimental side of pop culture which challenges the inculcation of the basic tenets of the promotion and observance of respect for oneself, others, and our elders, as well as the teaching of the values of

patience, perseverance, industry, honesty and good faith in dealing with other human beings.

In view of such occurrence, it may be prudent to reintroduce in the curriculum lessons on good manners and right conduct so as to better guide our youth in facing contemporary society.

Thus, the passage of this bill is very much needed as it is very timely.



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**AN ACT
REVIVING GOOD MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT (GMRC)
AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT IN THE BASIC EDUCATION
CURRICULUM**

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

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Revival or Good Manners and Right Conduct Act of 2019."

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

SECTION 3. Inclusion as a Separate Subject in the Curriculum of Basic Education Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC). - The Department of Education (DepEd) is herein tasked to include as a separate subject in the curriculum of the present K to 12 program in basic education Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) which shall inculcate among our students the basic tenets of the promotion and observance of respect for oneself, others, and our elders, as well as the teaching of the values of patience, perseverance, industry, honesty and good faith in dealing with other human beings.

SECTION 4. 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.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules. - The Department of Education (DepEd) is hereby tasked to jointly formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, or rules inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,