

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 581

Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representatives
Eduardo 'Bro. Eddie' C. Villanueva and Domingo C. Rivera

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE INCLUSION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AND
GOVERNANCE EDUCATION IN BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Corruption has been an affliction of the Philippine society for many years bringing adverse effects to the people. Rampant corruption in various forms such as bribery, embezzlement, backdoor deals, and others exist throughout the country causing manipulative justice, flagging economy, grinding poverty among the people, and people's mistrust to the government.

While many have tried to eradicate corruption by furthering the stringency of laws on governance and intensifying punishment, no significant improvement has been seen so far.

So, having been pervasively existing for many years without serious resolution, the people have learned to get used to the environment of corruption which, in turn, creates a society tolerant to the evils of the government—including the youth.

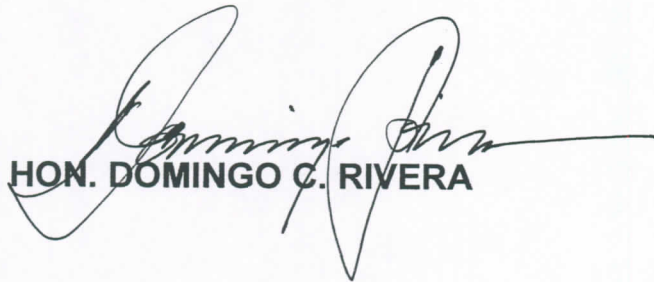
Thus, this bill seeks to mandate the inclusion of anti-corruption materials in basic education curriculum to emphasize the important role of the students in the fight

against graft and corruption and in nation-building. By educating the youth on the evils of corruption, corruption in the government is minimized, if not eliminated.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.

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HON. EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA

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2 **GOVERNANCE EDUCATION IN BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM,**
3 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER**
4 **PURPOSES**
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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
8 *Congress assembled:*
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11 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Anti-Graft and Corrupt*
12 *Practices Information and Education Act.*”
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14 **SECTION 2. Anti-Corruption Education in Basic Education.** – Basic education
15 curriculum shall include anti-corruption education, which shall, among others:
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- 17 a) Inform the students of the evils of corruption;
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19 b) Encourage the students to participate in the eradication of graft and corruption,
20 and the important role of all citizens in fighting it;
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22 c) Provide the students with the appropriate skills and knowledge on the steps
23 that can be undertaken in case graft and corruption occurs; and
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25 d) Inform the students of the right and responsibilities of citizens in governance.
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1 **SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Department of Education
2 (DepEd), in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules
3 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from
4 the effectivity thereof.

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6 In the crafting of such rules, the DepEd shall ensure that the anti-corruption education
7 materials are taught in a positive manner to inspire and encourage the students to
8 participate in the fight against graft and corruption and recognize their vital role in
9 nation-building, with due regard to the capacity of the students to understand and
10 appreciate the information conveyed to them depending on their grade levels.

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12 **SECTION 4. Funding.** The funds needed for the proper implementation of this Act
13 shall be taken from the appropriation of DepEd. Thereafter, such amount necessary
14 for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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16 **SECTION 5. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared
17 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

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19 **SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.** All laws, proclamations, executive orders, rules and
20 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, modified or
21 amended accordingly.

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23 **SECTION 7. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
24 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
25 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

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28 Approved,