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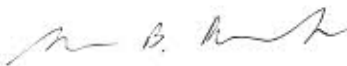


Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to prohibit malls from allowing entry in their premises of schoolchildren in uniform not accompanied by a parent or one responsible adult during schoolhours.

It is a valid concern of all parents and other education stakeholders that their kids focus on their studies during schoolhours. Thus, all possible venues for truancy and for cutting classes such as shopping malls should be regulated so that such objective is attained.


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RESPONSIBLE ADULT DURING SCHOOL HOURS

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 “Schoolchildren Mall Truancy Prevention Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. 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.

SEC. 3. All shopping malls in the country are prohibited from allowing entry into their premises during school hours schoolchildren clad in their school uniforms who are not accompanied by their parent or a responsible adult.

SEC. 4. Violation of the preceding section shall result to the imposition of a fine of P10,000 per schoolchildren who was allowed entry in its premises upon the erring establishment provided that three consecutive violations of said section will result to the cancellation of the business permit of such establishment.

SEC. 5. The Department of Education (DepEd) is mandated to formulate the rules and regulations implementing this Act and to thereafter, seek the assistance of the Department of Trade and Industry, to circulate such rules and regulations to all shopping malls in the country for their observance.

SEC. 6. 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laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.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. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.