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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The whole world is computerizing. Most developing nations have provided for computer education even in the elementary grades. Now, the Philippines is increasingly relying on the use of computers. Practically all government offices are using computers. Most private offices are equipped with computers so much so that if an office does not have a computer, it is considered antiquated or "small time". Hence, Computer education has thus become a necessity in much the same manner as familiarity with the use of the Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) or Telefax Machine or the Cellular Phone.

It is therefore imperative that our elementary school curriculum should be re-oriented to be attuned to the ever-increasing use of technological advances such as computerization. School children as early as in the primary grades should be familiarized with computers as they learn to read and write and imbibe the rudiments of mathematics. This computer education should be progressive as the level of education goes higher.

This bill requires the introduction of computer education in all schools starting from the elementary grades. The funding for the equipment and additional instructional requirements for public school may be sourced partly from the earnings of the Philippines Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes (PCSO).

In view of the merits of this proposed enactment support for its approval is earnestly solicited.

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPUTER EDUCATION IN
ALL SCHOOLS FROM THE ELEMENTARY TO TERTIARY
LEVELS.**

*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 Computer Education Act of 2013.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to provide students specially in public schools with a well rounded education attuned to the ever-changing technological advances in order to be globally competitive.

Section 3. The national government through the Department of Education shall require all public and private schools from the elementary to the secondary and tertiary levels to provide computer training courses in appropriate and varying levels.

Section 4. The additional funding requirements for the equipment and personnel for required computer education in public schools shall be funded from the earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, (PCSO) and from funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The private school shall shoulder the funding requirements for the required computer courses which can be included in the regular tuition fees assessed the students.

Section 5. The Department of Education Culture and Sports shall issue the implementing rules and regulations for this act and shall exercise supervision and control in all matters related thereto.

Section 6. This act shall become effective upon its approval and the computer courses required shall start during the school year immediately following its approval.

Approved