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Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to integrate Drug Prevention Education in Junior High School Curriculum.

The overwhelming number of young Filipinos hooked in illegal drugs is very alarming. The severity of the drug problem and its devastating impact on youth is prevalent in the Philippines. Academic results suffer and worse, drugs undermine health and destroy young lives.

The best weapon on the war on drugs is education. This Act mandates to include the study of drug prevention education in the Junior High School curriculum in order to create awareness on the alarming impact and challenges of the use of illegal drugs.

The inclusion of the study of drug prevention in the curricula for junior high school is a significant step towards a winnable battle to prevent use of illegal drugs.


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**AN ACT TO INTEGRATE DRUG PREVENTION EDUCATION IN
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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 "AN ACT TO INTEGRATE DRUG PREVENTION EDUCATION IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM."

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. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act, the term:

- (a) "Drug Prevention Education" refers to the study of the causes and effects of the use of illegal drugs.

- (b) "Junior High School curriculum" refers to basic education curriculum in Junior High School as defined in Republic Act 10533.

SECTION 4. *Drug Prevention Education.* - The study of Drug Prevention Education shall be integrated in the Junior High School curriculum. The study will seek to:

- (a) Emphasize the causes of and effects on illegal drugs;
- (b) Create awareness among the youth on the impact of illegal drugs;
- (c) Provide supplemental educational or instructional aid on drug prevention and awareness;
- (d) Conduct activities that capture young people's attention and elicit their participation;
- (e) Provide an environment to students with visible information that reminds them the effects of illegal drugs.

SECTION 5. *Responsibility of the Department of Education.* - The Department of Education shall provide measures and adopt additional changes or adjustment in the junior high school curriculum in order to integrate the study of drug prevention within six (6) months from the approval of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* - The amount of P1,000,000.00 Pesos shall be appropriated for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause* — If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 8. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees or rules inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 9. *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,