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EXPLANATORY NOTE

We are living in a globalized and interconnected era. Thus, it is essential that our citizens understand the rest of the world.

At its most literal sense, global understanding can be achieved if we understand the language that our neighbors are speaking and thus, the ability to converse and write in a language other than English and Filipino, would always be an advantage for our countrymen.

This Act aims to do just that – to enable our college students to learn at least an extra foreign language by mandating the inclusion of major foreign languages as electives in the college curriculum.


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FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES ACT OF 2016

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 the “Foreign Language Studies Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. In an era of globalization and international cooperation, it is the duty of the government to prepare the country and its citizens for the opportunities and challenges thereof.

SEC. 3. Every state university or college in the country is mandated to offer as electives in the college curriculum the study of major foreign languages such as Mandarin, Spanish, French and German.

SEC. 4. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is mandated to formulate the rules and regulations of this Act.

SEC. 5. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

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SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. 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laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.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. 8. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.