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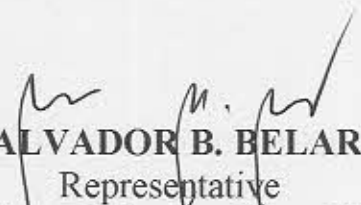
Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to integrate lessons on climate change and environmental protection in the curriculum of basic education.

We live at a time when climate change and environmental protection requires urgent understanding.

Such understanding should start from formal education, from our schools, by including lessons thereon in the appropriate subjects in the school curriculum.


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**AN ACT TO INTEGRATE LESSONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE CURRICULUM
OF BASIC EDUCATION**

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 “Climate Change and Environmental Protection Education Act of 2016.”

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. As used in this Act, the term “Basic Education” shall refer to the formal education system enforced in the Philippines which starts from Kindergarten and which proceeds to the six grades of elementary education, followed by two years each of Junior and Senior High School.

SECTION 4. The Department of Education is hereby mandated to include in the appropriate subjects of the curriculum of basic education lessons on climate change and environmental protection. Such lessons shall emphasize how our schoolchildren could be of assistance in protecting our environment.

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

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause* — If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 7. *Repealing Clause*. — All laws, decrees or rules inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 8. *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,