



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 4130

Introduced by Representative Virgilio S. Lacson


EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 4(1) of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "The State recognizes the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions".

Schools are considered as second home of students, teachers and administrators wherein they spend most of their time in school for learning. However, despite the security provided by the school administration there are still incidents wherein teachers were robbed¹, students allegedly rape², campus shooting³ and the most alarming is when a grade 7 student was shot in front of his classmates inside their classroom⁴. This Act aims to provide safe environment for students by mandating schools to develop security plans and methodologies to deter crime inside their campuses.

This Act also recognizes modern technology to improve campus security by installing Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras. The use of CCTV cameras in all schools can help authorities in apprehending malefactor which will eventually deter any individual in committing felonious act in and around school premises.

In light of the foregoing, immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.


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¹ <https://www.rappler.com/nation/41672-up-diliman-prof-robbed-on-campus>

² <https://www.rappler.com/nation/217501-ateneo-investigates-alleged-campus-rape-case>

³ <https://gulfnnews.com/world/asia/philippines/philippines-fatal-school-shooting-investigated-by-education-department-1.1380065>

⁴ https://www.cnnphilippines.com/regional/2019/7/4/Grade-7-shot-dead-security-guard-Calamba-City.html?fbclid=IwAR3DzIFeBdjWPmoquEVhFh6qLglgFwYzknC9Q28BOoLHBmAI_L8GlxHnAKU?fbclid

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**AN ACT
TO INCREASE CAMPUS SECURITY AND CRIME AWARENESS, INSTALLING
CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN ALL SCHOOLS AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “Campus Security Act.”

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3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It shall be the policy of the State to provide a safe
4 and healthy environment for students by requiring educational institutions to disclose
5 crime statistics that occur within the campus and its security policies and procedures and
6 to adopt modern technology in apprehending and preventing crimes to enhance security
7 and maintain peace and order in every school all over the country.

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9 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – A used in this Act.

- 10 a) *Campus* refers to any establishment or property, grounds and buildings of an
11 institution for educational purposes.
12 b) *Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV)* refers to any device or system that could be
13 used to capture and record photo or still and moving or video images.
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15 Sec. 4. *Installation of Closed-Circuit Television Cameras.* – It is hereby mandated
16 that every single school nationwide shall install Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras
17 within their establishments that will cover strategic areas in their premises so as to capture
18 photos and/or videos of possible crimes or untoward incident that may occur threat.

1 *Sec. 5. Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics.* – Upon
2 effectivity of this Act, schools shall begin to collect the following information with respect
3 to campus crime statistics and campus security policies and each year thereafter, prepare,
4 publish, and distribute through appropriate publications or mailings to all current students
5 and employees and to any applicant for enrollment upon request and annual security
6 report containing at least the following information with respect to the campus policies
7 and campus crime statistics of that institution:

- 8 a) Statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for
9 students;
10 b) Reports of criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus; and
11 c) Policies concerning the institution's response to such report.

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13 *Sec. 6. Appropriation.* – The budget necessary for the implementation of this Act
14 shall be included in annual budget of the Department of Education (DepEd and the
15 Commission on Higher Education (CHED)).

16 For private facilities, funding shall be included in the corporate budget.

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18 *Sec. 7. Implementation.* – The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on
19 Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall
20 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of the
21 provisions of this Act.

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23 *Sec. 8. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or portion of this Act is declared
24 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not thereby affected shall
25 remain in full force and effect.

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27 *Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules,
28 regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any
29 provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

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31 *Sec. 10. Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
32 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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35 Approved,