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Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to integrate lessons on disaster preparedness and fire drills in the curriculum of formal education.

Accidents and disasters are things we cannot predict. However, we can at the very least mitigate the damage when they do occur if our citizenry are oriented as to the basic dos and don't's during those times.

The first step should come from our very own homes but it should be reinforced by our formal education system, by including lessons thereon in the appropriate subjects in the school curriculum.


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PREPAREDNESS AND FIRE DRILLS IN THE CURRICULUM OF
FORMAL 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 “Disaster Preparedness
Mitigation and Fire Drills 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 “Formal Education” shall refer
to the educational system in the Philippines which consists of formal
schooling starting from Kindergarten and which proceeds to the six grades
of elementary education, followed by two years each of Junior and Senior

High School and thereafter, with the usual four or more years of college education.

SECTION 4. The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Skills Development Authority (TESDA) are hereby mandated to include in the appropriate subjects of the curriculum of lessons on disaster mitigation preparedness and fire drills. The said agencies are likewise mandated to formulate the implementing 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

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,