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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the advent of information and communications technology, delivery of instruction has been revolutionized. One can actually undertake online learning from any part of the world. There is an advantage to having available online system of education. However, there are also reports of students and parents being victimized by bogus online schools operating without permits from the government and not regulated by the Department of Education (DepEd), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). Some students complain that the quality of online teaching is not standardized and do not allow them to learn sufficient knowledge that will enable them to pass certification examinations (e.g. Microsoft, CISCO, etc.) nor develop skills that they expected to acquire for practical application to secure a job or get promoted from their present job.

This Act seeks to address the need for regulation and standardization of online education and e-learning classes/courses.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE REGULATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF
ONLINE EDUCATION AND E-LEARNING CLASSES

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 "Online Education and E-Learning Act of 2016."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. The State shall establish means to promote quality ICT-based education.

SEC. 3. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and the Department of Education (DepEd) together with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) shall be mandated to establish standards and regulatory guidelines pertaining to offering of online education and e-learning classes/courses.

SEC. 4. 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. 5. 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laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.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. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.