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BY REPRESENTATIVE ANGARA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2684

AN ACT MANDATING ALL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO
CREATE A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE THAT SHALL
ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THEIR STUDENTS

*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 “The Campus
2 Safety Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – It is the declared responsibility of
4 the State to defend the right of the youth to assistance, including proper care
5 and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty
6 and exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development as
7 provided under the Constitution. It is also hereby declared the policy of the
8 State to ensure access to quality education by ensuring the safety and security
9 of students in all institutions of higher learning and recognizing the role of the
10 youth in nation building and in the development of the country.

1 SEC. 3. *Scope.* – This Act shall apply to all higher education
2 institutions (HEIs), including state universities and colleges, local universities
3 and colleges and private HEIs.

4 SEC. 4. *Creation of a Crime Prevention Committee (CPC).* – A CPC
5 shall be established in every HEI to formulate policies and strategies that shall
6 help protect students from both internal and external threats to their safety and
7 security, such as theft, robbery, rape and other forms of violence within and
8 outside the area where the HEI is located.

9 SEC. 5. *Composition of the CPC.* – The CPC in every HEI shall be
10 composed of the following:

11 (a) The Vice President for Community Affairs or any other designee in
12 the college or university, whose office deals with campus security and safety,
13 as Presiding Officer;

14 (b) The Vice President for Student Affairs or any other designee in the
15 college or university, whose office deals with the welfare and discipline of
16 students, as alternate Presiding Officer;

17 (c) The Secretary of the University Student Council, as the Committee
18 Secretary;

19 (d) The University Student Council/Supreme Council President or
20 Chairperson, as member;

21 (e) The Class Presidents of the high school level and the College
22 Presidents or Chairpersons of the college level, and the Corps Commander of
23 the Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and the Citizens Army Training
24 (CAT), as members;

25 (f) The head of campus police or security personnel, as member;

26 (g) A representative of student groups, as member; and

27 (h) The President of the Parent-Teachers' Association or its equivalent,
28 as member.

1 SEC. 6. *Duties and Responsibilities of the CPC.* -- The CPC shall have
2 the following duties and responsibilities:

3 (a) To formulate, in consultation with the School Head, the Chief of
4 Police where the college or university is located, the punong barangay, and
5 other security specialists as they deem fit, a crime prevention strategy. Such
6 crime prevention strategy shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

7 (1) A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and
8 facilities for students and others to report criminal actions or other emergencies
9 occurring on campus and policies concerning the institution's response to such
10 reports;

11 (2) A statement of current policies concerning security and access to
12 campus facilities, including campus residences, and security considerations
13 used in the maintenance of campus facilities;

14 (3) A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement
15 including, but not limited to:

16 (i) The enforcement authority of security personnel, including their
17 working relationship with national and local police agencies; and

18 (ii) Policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all
19 crimes to the campus police and the appropriate police agencies.

20 (4) A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to
21 inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices
22 and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own
23 security and the security of others;

24 (5) A description of programs designed to inform students and
25 employees about the prevention of crimes;

26 (6) Statistics concerning the occurrence on campus, during the most
27 recent school year, and during the two (2) preceding school years for which
28 data are available including, but not limited to, the following criminal offenses

1 reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies: homicide,
2 murder, physical injuries, rape, robbery, theft and sexual harassment;

3 (7) A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recording
4 through local police agencies of criminal activity at off-campus student
5 organizations which are recognized by the institution and that are engaged in
6 by students attending the institution, including those student organizations with
7 off-campus housing facilities;

8 (8) Statistics concerning the number of arrests for the following crimes
9 occurring on campus: liquor law violations, drug abuse violations and
10 possession of weapons; and

11 (9) Statement of policy regarding the possession, use and sale of
12 alcoholic beverages and enforcement of underage drinking laws and a
13 statement of policy regarding the possession, use and sale of illegal drugs and
14 enforcement of drug laws and a description of any drug or alcohol abuse
15 education programs.

16 (b) To formulate crime prevention programs for the implementation of
17 the CPC;

18 (c) To coordinate with college/school principals or deans, as the case
19 may be, in the maintenance of peace and order within the
20 school/college/university premises;

21 (d) To recommend to the school/college/university the conduct of
22 seminars or trainings on crime and drug prevention and control in coordination
23 with the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) regional office, local
24 police station or the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
25 – Patrol 117;

26 (e) To conduct intensive information drive on the crime prevention
27 strategy which includes its semestral distribution of copies and orientation
28 thereon; and

1 (f) To submit to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),
2 through its CHED regional offices (CHEDROs), the composition of the CPC
3 and the crime prevention strategy, as well as its program of activities and
4 projects for the academic year two (2) months after the closing of enrolment in
5 the first semester and accomplishment report within two (2) months after
6 finishing the second semester or trimester of the academic year.

7 SEC. 7. *Non-Interference in Peaceful Student Demonstrations.* – The
8 CPC shall not, in any way, interfere or prevent students from holding peaceful
9 rallies, demonstrations and protest actions if such were held in connection with
10 the exercise of their constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression, except
11 if violence erupts during the said mass actions.

12 SEC. 8. *Duty of the College or University President.* – The Office of
13 the College or University President shall submit to the CHEDRO the
14 following:

- 15 (a) Size of the college or university;
16 (b) Crime prevention strategy; and
17 (c) Accomplishment Report of the CPC.

18 SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The CHED, in
19 coordination with the Department of Education (DepED), the Philippine
20 Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), the Coordinating
21 Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), and the Association
22 of Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU), shall issue the necessary rules and
23 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

24 SEC. 10. *Approval and Review of the Crime Prevention Strategy.* –
25 The crime prevention strategy, after approval of the Board of
26 Trustees/Regents, shall be submitted to the CHED and shall be subject to its
27 review. If found unsatisfactory by the CHED, taking into consideration the
28 circumstances of each college or university, it shall be returned to the Board

1 for appropriate action: *Provided*, That pending its review, the crime
2 prevention strategy shall be implemented by the college or university
3 concerned.

4 The crime prevention strategy shall be subject to review or reassessment
5 annually by the Board or as often as required by the circumstances.

6 SEC. 11. *Duties of the CHEDROs.* – The CHEDROs shall coordinate,
7 supervise and monitor the implementation of the crime prevention strategy, as
8 approved, and projects of the CPCs, jointly with the NAPOLCOM in the
9 region. The Office of Student Services of the CHED shall consolidate regional
10 reports for submission to the Office of the CHED Chairperson through the
11 Office of the Executive Director.

12 SEC. 12. *Administrative Liability.* – Any HEI, its Board of Trustees or
13 Regents, and other officers/persons responsible for the failure to comply with
14 the provisions of this Act shall be subject to administrative sanctions to be
15 imposed by the CHED.

16 SEC. 13. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is
17 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not
18 otherwise affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

19 SEC. 14. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, decrees,
20 instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any
21 provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

22 SEC. 15. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
23 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
24 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,