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AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THE USE OF ENGLISH AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS

*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
2 “Strengthening and Enhancing the Use of English as the Medium of
3 Instruction Act”.

4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State to
5 provide the citizenry with the opportunities to have quality education to learn,
6 communicate, grow and change in the pursuit of a higher standard of life.
7 Towards this end, the government undertakes to make the education of the
8 young aligned with the requirements and realities of business life and
9 competitive in the global environment by strengthening, enhancing and
10 developing the use of the English language as the medium of instruction in all
11 levels of education, from the preschool to the tertiary level.

1 SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For the purpose of this Act, the
2 following terms or acronyms shall refer to and/or mean as hereunder defined:

3 (a) “Medium of Instruction (MOI)” refers to the language or dialect
4 used in teaching.

5 (b) “School year (SY)” refers to the part of the year during which
6 school is in session typically from June to March.

7 (c) “Parents, Teachers and Community Association (PTCA)” refers to
8 a group of parents and teachers organized for the welfare of the school and its
9 pupils.

10 (d) “Regional or native language” refers to the regional language or any
11 dialect prevailing in a region or place.

12 (e) “Academic subjects” refers to curricular subjects in the areas of
13 general education, science and technology.

14 SEC. 4. *Medium of Instruction (MOI).* – The MOI in all subjects taught
15 shall be as follows:

16 (a) English, Filipino or the regional/native language may be used as
17 the MOI in all subjects from preschool until Grade II.

18 (b) English and Filipino shall be taught as separate subjects in all
19 levels in the elementary and secondary.

20 (c) In all academic subjects in the elementary grades from Grade III to
21 Grade VI and in all levels in the secondary, the MOI shall be English.

22 (d) In the tertiary level, the current language policy as prescribed by
23 the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be maintained.

24 (e) In addition to formal instruction, the use of English shall be
25 encouraged as a language of interaction in the school. Corollary to this, the
26 organization of English clubs such as book, oratorical, debating, writing and
27 related associations shall be encouraged. In school publications, the use of
28 English shall be given priority as far as practicable.

1 SEC. 5. *Government Examinations and Entrance Examinations.* –

2 Government examinations and entrance examinations to public schools and
3 state colleges and universities at all levels shall use English as the language of
4 assessment: *Provided, however,* That, it may include questions in Filipino for
5 which the credit for such questions shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the
6 total points in the examination.

7 SEC. 6. *Support Facilities.* – All the requirements, devices and support

8 facilities necessary to strengthen, enhance and develop English as the MOI
9 such as training and orientation for teachers, teachers' manuals, learning
10 modules and workbooks, textbooks, audiovisual aids and other auxiliary
11 teaching and learning materials shall be formulated, developed and provided
12 by the Department of Education (DepEd).

13 SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DepEd, in

14 consultation with the CHED, the Technical Education and Skills Development
15 Authority (TESDA) and other concerned government agencies shall
16 promulgate within sixty (60) days the implementing rules and regulations
17 (IRR) that shall be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

18 SEC. 8. *Congressional Oversight Committee.* – There is hereby created

19 a congressional oversight committee composed of three Members from the
20 Senate and three Members from the House of Representatives. The Members
21 from the Senate shall be appointed by the Senate President based on the
22 proportional representation of the parties or the coalitions therein with at least
23 one Senator representing the Minority. The Members of the House of
24 Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker, also based on the
25 proportional representation of the parties or the coalitions therein with at least
26 one Member representing the Minority.

27 The committee shall be headed by the respective Chairpersons of the

28 Senate and the House of Representatives' Committees on Education.

1 The Congressional Oversight Committee on Education shall, in aid of
2 legislation, perform the following:

3 (a) Participate in the crafting of the IRR;

4 (b) Approve the final draft of the IRR;

5 (c) Set the guidelines and the overall framework to monitor and ensure
6 the proper implementation of this Act;

7 (d) Ensure transparency and require the submission of reports from
8 government agencies concerned on the conduct of programs, projects and
9 policies relating to the implementation of this Act;

10 (e) Determine inherent weaknesses in the law and recommend the
11 necessary remedial legislations or executive measures; and

12 (f) Perform such other duties and functions and responsibilities as may
13 be necessary to effectively attain the objectives of this Act.

14 The Congressional Oversight Committee on Education shall be assisted
15 by the secretariat, headed by the committee secretaries and assisted by
16 personnel who may be seconded from the Senate and the House of
17 Representatives and may retain consultants.

18 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
19 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the
20 other provisions hereof.

21 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All executive orders, laws and department
22 orders and parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this
23 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

24 SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
25 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two newspapers of general
26 circulation.

Approved,