



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8586

BY REPRESENTATIVES BIRON, ROMULO, GO (M.) AND CASTRO (F.L.), PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 731

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR A NATIONAL
EDUCATION DAY**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "National Education Day Act."

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3 **SEC. 2.** The State gives priority to education given its importance in empowering people and
4 transforming lives. The State also recognizes that education fosters patriotism and
5 nationalism, accelerates social progress, reduces inequalities, and promotes total human
6 liberation and development.

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8 To provide the citizenry wider access to basic and functional education, the State continues to
9 undertake improvements in the quality of learning especially in education programs for the
10 children and the youth, guided by the goal of molding a well-informed citizenry whose
11 knowledge and skills are vital to the achievement of a more peaceful and sustainable future
12 for all.

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14 **SEC. 3.** In recognition of the crucial role of education in national development, and in accord
15 with the United Nations' observance of the International Day of Education, the twenty-fourth
16 (24th) day of January of every year is hereby declared "National Education Day".

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18 **SEC. 4.** To promote the observance of National Education Day, an annual program of
19 activities shall be prepared and implemented by the Department of Education, in coordination
20 with the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development
21 Authority, and Presidential Communications Operations Office.

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23 All public and private schools, colleges, and universities are encouraged to extend their full
24 support and participation to relevant activities during the observance of the National
25 Education Day.

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27 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
28 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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30 *Approved,*