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## **Villar urges senatoriables to support law against “No Permit, No Exam” policy**

Sen. Manny Villar today said a law against the “No Permit, No Exam,” policy should be enacted to prevent school administrators from implementing a regulation that goes against the right to education.

“We have said it before, the ‘No Permit, No Exam’ policy of some schools is not just. It is a constraint on our children’s right to education,” Villar, whose term as senator will end on June 2013, said.

Villar filed Senate Bill 2992 or the ‘Anti- No Permit, No Exam Act’ on October 11, 2011. Its counterpart measure passed third reading in the House of Representatives on August 3, 2011. Las Pinas Rep. Mark Villar is one of the authors of the lower house’s consolidated version.

“This is one of the bills I urge my wife, Cynthia, if ever she wins, to pursue vigorously in the Senate,” Villar said.

Villar was guest of honor during the homecoming parade of the University of the Philippines Vanguard, Inc. last Saturday (March 16), where he cited the efforts of UP President Alfredo Pascual to make UP education more accessible to poor students following the death of 16-year-old Kristel Tejada.

He said it is unfortunate that a UP student had to die just to show how serious this problem is in the country’s premier state university.

“Itong ganitong kaganapan ay hindi naman dapat nangyayari. Repleksyon ito ng kakulangan ng budget para sa edukasyon at budget para sa mga pampublikong paaralan. Nakatira ka man sa subdibisyon o sa Tondo, kailangang pantay ang pagkakataon na makapag-aral at makapagtapos sa UP,” Villar said.

Under Villar’s bill, disallowing students with due and unpaid tuition and other school fees from taking the midterm or final examination is unlawful. Students should not be required to secure a permit to take the midterm or final examination from school authorities prior to the administration of midterm or periodic or final examination.

It also prevents the payment upon enrolment of a down payment or first instalment equivalent to more than 30 percent of the total amount of the tuition and other school fees for the entire semester or duration of the course.

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