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EXPLANATORY NOTE

"Our youth is the hope of our country." It is their dynamism, which plays a key element in the development of our country which starts at the very hearts of our small communities. Our youth therefore plays a vital role in nation building.

It is for this purpose that this bill encourages youth involvement in public and civil affairs by requiring intermediate pupils, high school and college students to do community work as part of their school curricula and as pre-requisite for graduation.

The Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall assume primary responsibility for the formulation and implementation of plans and measures to carry out the compulsory community service.

In view of our goal to grow as one nation with active and responsible citizens, the immediate approval of this bill is fervently called for.


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AN ACT
COMPELLING INTERMEDIATE GRADE SCHOOLERS, SECONDARY AND
COLLEGE STUDENTS TO DO COMMUNITY WORK AS PART OF THEIR
CURRICULUM AND AS PREREQUISITE FOR GRADUATION

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy* – It is the policy of the State to recognize the
2 vital role of the youth in nation-building and encourage their involvement in public and
3 civil affairs.
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5 SECTION 2. All intermediate grade schoolers, secondary and college students
6 are hereby required to do community work as part of their school curricula and as pre-
7 requisite for graduation.
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9 SECTION 3. As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

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11 a. “*Community work*” refers to any task or toil in helping others in the
12 community in ways such as cleaning out parks, ponds, planting trees, helping
13 others to read, or improving communal playgrounds and other similar actions
14 for the welfare of the community.
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16 b. “*Student*” refers to the subject of this Act particularly those in intermediate
17 schools (Grade V, VI or VII as the case may be), secondary and college
18 levels, whether in the public or private learning institutions.
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20 SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Secretary of
21 Department of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner on Higher Education
22 shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective
23 implementation of this Act not later than two (2) months from the effectivity of this law.
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25 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive
26 orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the
27 provisions of this Act, are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed
28 accordingly.
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1 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause* – If any portion or provisions of this Act is
2 declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions thereof shall not
3 be affected by such declaration.

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5 SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause* – this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from
6 its publication in the official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national
7 circulation.

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9 Approved,