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**AN ACT PROMOTING LEGAL AWARENESS AMONG THE YOUTH BY INCLUDING BASIC  
LAW EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Philippine Constitution embodies the fundamental laws of the land which must be observed and adhered to by all Filipinos.

It is therefore imperative that all Filipinos be made aware of the most basic laws governing them which include the State's declared policies as well as the Bill of Rights. This may be achieved through inculcating to the youth these provisions of the Philippine Constitution early on, particularly during secondary education as they prepare to face the challenges of life and rigors and responsibilities of adulthood in society.

To this end, Basic Law Education covering the State's declared policies as well as the Bill of Rights of the 1987 Philippine Constitution shall form part of the academic curricula of all public and private secondary school throughout the Philippines.

Hence, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
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60 **Section 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Basic Law Education Act of 2017”.  
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62 **Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** –

63 The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and  
64 protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall  
65 inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in  
66 public and civic affairs.

67 The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and  
68 sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote  
69 total human liberation and development.

70 In order to produce responsible and law-abiding members of society, the Filipino youth  
71 shall be made aware and trained early on with pertinent provisions of the fundamental  
72 law of the land, the 1987 Philippine Constitution.  
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74 The relevant provisions shall include the Declaration of State Policies as well as the Bill  
75 of Rights of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, both of which shall be imparted to the  
76 Filipino youth in all public and private secondary schools through mandatory inclusion of  
77 the same in their respective school curricula.  
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80 The State shall establish, maintain, and support a comprehensive, adequate, and  
81 sustainable system of education or learning to attain said objective.

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83 **Section 3. Mandatory inclusion of Basic Law Education in school curricula.** – The  
84 Declaration of State Policies and Bill of Rights of the 1987 Philippine Constitution shall  
85 now be mandatorily included as required topics under *Basic Law Education* in the  
86 academic curricula of all public and private secondary schools throughout the  
87 Philippines.

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89 The Department of Education (DepEd) in coordination with other pertinent government  
90 agencies shall ensure that a sound and professionally supported program be integrated  
91 to existing school curricula in order to cover the abovementioned provisions. The DepEd  
92 shall institutionalize high standards of learning and teaching methods to ensure  
93 credibility and academic integrity of the said subject.

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95 Within one (1) year from the issuance of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)  
96 of this Act, Basic Law Education shall be included in the curricula of all public and private  
97 secondary schools throughout the Philippines.

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99 **Section 4. Implementing Agency.** – The Department of Education (DepEd) through  
100 the Bureau of Curriculum Development in coordination with other pertinent  
101 government agencies such as the Legal Education Board, shall develop and maintain  
102 new programs to be integrated with existing similar programs or subjects, creating and  
103 including Basic Law Education in the school curricula of all public and private secondary  
104 schools.

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106 **Section 5. Training and Development.** – The Department of Education (DepEd),  
107 Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Legal Education Board, and other related  
108 government agencies shall continuously provide professional and sound training and  
109 provisions for materials, updates, and jurisprudence necessary for faculty members for  
110 teaching and dissemination of Basic Law Education to the students.

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112 **Section 6. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd)  
113 shall immediately include in the Department's program the development and  
114 maintenance of Basic Law Education, the funding of which shall be included in the  
115 annual General Appropriations Act.

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117 **Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days after the  
118 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education (DepEd), in consultation with and  
119 support of the Legal Education Board, Professional Regulation Commission, and other

120 related agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective  
121 implementation of this Act.

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123 **Section 8. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
124 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision thereof shall remain valid  
125 and effective.

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127 **Section 9. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
128 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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