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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 916

Introduced by Hon. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo

A RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COM-
MISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO POSTPONE THE OPEN-
ING OF CLASSES UNTIL THERE IS AN ESTABLISHED FRAME-
WORK AND CLEAR GUIDELINES FOR AN ALTERNATIVE
LEARNING SYSTEM DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, as of filing, there are already 14,669 COVID-19 cases
in the Philippines, 10,371 of which are active cases, according to the official
website of the Department of Health.

WHEREAS, the current resources of our schools, specifically our
public schools, state colleges and universities, are not designed according to
the specifications of the established protocols of the Department of Health to
control the spread of COVID-19 such as; social/physical distancing, limited
socialization activities, practice of proper sanitation, amongst other things.

WHEREAS, educational institutions shall be provided with coherent
plans and mechanisms that will allow for a more systematic conduct of
classes and other related activities, and shall be given ample time to transi-
tion and adapt to the new normal of the country.

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Department of Education and the
Commission on Higher Education to do the following:

a) Develop an alternative learning framework that is
   sensitive to the current capacities and limitations of our educa-
tional institutions;

b) Formulate concrete action plans to operationalize
   the framework;

c) Create an elaborate Curriculum Guide that identi-
   fies appropriate processes and strategies; and

d) Enforce capacity-building activities to assist our
   educators in the implementation and management of an alternative
   learning system.
WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education to conduct the following activities:

a) A comprehensive information dissemination to all parties concerned;

b) An organized and systematic orientation for all students, teachers, parents, and other related institutions, on the implementation of an alternative learning system;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall set a specific period entirely for feedbacks, comments, and suggestions, for purposes of evaluation and refinement of the alternative learning system developed.

WHEREAS, although it is important to ensure the education of the youth, this shall not take precedence over the protection and preservation of human life. The government shall sustain its efforts to effectively confront and manage the challenges of this pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education to postpone the opening of classes until there is an established framework and clear guidelines for an alternative learning system during the COVID-19 pandemic.


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