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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1273
Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on September 29, 2021.
Re: House Resolution No. 2267
Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Bill No. 7961 and House Resolution No. 1383.
Sponsor: Rep. Romulo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which were referred House Bill No. 7961, introduced by Reps. Manuel F. Zubiri and Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba, entitled:

AN ACT
PROTECTING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF K-12 STUDENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THROUGH SCHOLASTIC LENIENCY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

and House Resolution No. 1383, introduced by Rep. Micaela S. Violago, entitled:

RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE AND ENCOURAGE ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ADOPT A “PASS” OR “DROP” GRADING SYSTEM BY THE END OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 OR CURRENT SEMESTER OR EQUIVALENT ACADEMIC PERIOD

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 2267, entitled:

RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXERCISE SCHOLASTIC LENIENCY TO STUDENTS OF THE K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 BY ACCORDING AN AUTOMATIC PASSING MARK TO STUDENTS AS A WAY OF PROTECTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABRUPT CHANGES IN EDUCATION SERVICES DELIVERY THAT HAD TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND OF THE SERIES OF CALAMITIES THEY HAD TO BEAR IN 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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WHEREAS, the calendar for school year 2020-2021 was disrupted by the imposition of community quarantine measures aimed at protecting the health and safety of the Filipino people and for the purpose of containing the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in the country;

WHEREAS, the country was also hit successively by strong weather disturbances, namely, super typhoon Rolly, severe tropical storm Siony, tropical storm Tonyo, and typhoon Ulysses, which affected the lives and livelihood of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, super typhoon Rolly, regarded as the world’s most powerful typhoon in 2020, battered parts of the Philippines with destructive winds and torrential rain on November 1, 2020, while typhoon Ulysses also caused destructive floods in several areas in Luzon on November 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, the serious threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the troubling consequences of the attendant quarantine measures, and the destruction wrought by these severe weather disturbances during the school year 2020-2021 have resulted in challenges that have affected or compromised the health and well-being of both teachers and students;
WHEREAS, online classes have presented teachers and students with new sources of stress due to the lack of the proper devices, unstable internet connection, poor audio, and other technical glitches, in addition to the physically challenging blended learning mode being implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd) that require teachers to distribute printed learning modules among students and to collect them on the last school day of the week;

WHEREAS, the current school setup has served to exacerbate the stress caused by the massive destruction that resulted from these natural calamities and has heightened fears and anxieties among students and their families;

WHEREAS, to ease the burdens of students and protect their mental health and well-being, scholastic leniency should be accorded to all students currently enrolled in the K to 12 basic education program for school year 2020-2021 by way of the grant of an automatic passing mark to enable them to advance to the next school year;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To urge the Department of Education to exercise scholastic leniency to students of the K to 12 basic education program for school year 2020-2021 by according an automatic passing mark to students as a way of protecting their health and well-being in the light of the abrupt changes in education services delivery that had to be undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic and of the series of calamities they had to bear in 2020.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the DepEd.

Adopted,