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AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY CREATING A SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Campus Safety and Security Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – It is the declared responsibility of the State to uphold and promote the right of the youth to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development as provided under the Constitution. It is also hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure access to quality education by ensuring the safety

and security of students in all institutions of higher learning and recognizing the role of the youth in nation-building and in the development of the country.

SEC. 3. *Scope.* – This Act shall apply to all higher education institutions (HEIs) and technical-vocational institutions (TVIs).

SEC. 4. *Safety and Security Services.* – The HEIs and TVIs shall endeavor to deliver safety and security services to students, which include the provision of safe and secure environment and the conduct of programs and activities that promote safety and security from both internal and external threats.

For this purpose, the following shall be provided by HEIs and TVIs:

(a) A safe, accessible and secure environment, buildings and facilities that shall comply with government standards. Licensed and competent security personnel shall ensure the safety and security of students and their belongings; and

(b) A mechanism for students to help in crime prevention, safety and security of the concerned HEI and TVI.

SEC. 5. *Creation of a Safety and Security Committee.* – A Safety and Security Committee (SSC) shall be established in every HEI and TVI to formulate policies and strategies that shall help protect the academic community from both internal and external threats to their safety and security, such as theft, robbery, rape and other forms of violence within and outside the area where the HEI or TVI is located. The composition of the SSC shall be determined by the governing boards of the HEIs, and the owners/proprietors/administrators of TVIs, as the case may be.

SEC. 6. *Duties and Responsibilities of the SSC.* – The SSC shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(a) To formulate, in consultation with the school head, chief of police where the HEI or TVI is located, the punong barangay, and other security

specialists as may be necessary and appropriate, a Safety and Security Strategy. Such Safety and Security Strategy shall include the following:

(1) A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for students and others to report criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus and policies concerning the institution's response to such reports;

(2) A statement of current policies concerning security and access to campus facilities, including campus residences, and security considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities;

(3) A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement including the following:

(i) The enforcement authority of security personnel, including their working relationship with national and local police agencies; and

(ii) Policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the campus police and the appropriate police agencies;

(4) A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and security of others;

(5) A description of programs designed to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes;

(6) A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recording through local police agencies of criminal activity at off-campus student organizations which are recognized by the institution and that are engaged in by students attending the institution, including those student organizations with off-campus housing facilities; and

(7) A statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and enforcement of underage drinking laws and a statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of illegal drugs and

enforcement of drug laws and a description of any drug or alcohol abuse education program;

(b) To formulate crime prevention programs for the implementation of the SSC;

(c) To coordinate with HEI/TVI administrators, deans, or other officials as the case may be, in the maintenance of peace and order within the HEI/TVI premises;

(d) To recommend to the HEI/TVI the conduct of seminars or trainings on crime and drug prevention and control in coordination with the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) regional office, local police station or Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);

(e) To conduct intensive information drive on the Safety and Security Strategy which includes the semestral distribution of copies and orientation thereon; and

(f) To submit to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), through their respective regional offices, the composition of the SSC and its Safety and Security Strategy, as well as its program of activities and projects for the academic year two (2) months after the closing of enrolment in the first semester and accomplishment report within two (2) months after finishing the second semester or trimester of the academic year.

SEC. 7. Approval and Review of the Safety and Security Strategy. – The Safety and Security Strategy, after approval by the Board of Trustees/Regents of the HEIs or the owners/proprietors/administrators of the TVIs, shall be submitted to the CHED or to the TESDA and shall be subject to its review. If found unsatisfactory by the CHED or the TESDA, taking into consideration the circumstances of each HEI or TVI, it shall be returned to the Board or the owners/proprietors/administrators for appropriate action:

Provided, That pending its review, the Plan shall be implemented by the HEI or TVI concerned.

The Safety and Security Strategy shall be subject to review or reassessment by the Board or the owners/proprietors/administrators as the case may be, either annually or as often as required by the circumstances.

SEC. 8. *Duties of the CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional Offices.* – The CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional Offices shall coordinate, supervise and monitor the implementation of the Safety and Security Strategy, as approved, and the projects of SSCs, jointly with the NAPOLCOM in the region.

The CHED and the TESDA shall consolidate regional accomplishment reports as required under Section 6 hereof, and shall submit them to the Office of the CHED Chairperson and the Office of the TESDA Director General, respectively.

SEC. 9. *Administrative Sanctions.* – Any HEI or its Board of Trustees or Regents or any TVI or its owners/proprietors/administrators, and other officers/persons responsible for the failure to comply with the provisions of this Act shall be subject to administrative sanctions to be imposed by the CHED and the TESDA, respectively.

SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the CHED and the TESDA, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED), the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), and the Association of Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU), shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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