children, individually and collectively, and to live a full and satisfying life within society."

SEC. 3. Article 77, Chapter II (The Home and the School) of Presidential Decree No. 603, otherwise known as “The Child and Youth Welfare Code”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"ART. 77. Parent-Teacher AND COMMUNITY Associations. – Every [elementary and secondary] BASIC EDUCATION school shall organize a [parent-teacher association] PARENT-TEACHER AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS PTCA [for the purpose of providing a forum for the discussion of problems and their solutions, relating to the total school program, and for insuring the full cooperation of parents in the efficient implementation of such program]. THE PTCA SHALL BE COMPOSED OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND A DULY RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY GROUP. THEY SHALL ELECT FROM AMONG THEMSELVES THEIR RESPECTIVE SETS OF OFFICERS.

All parents who have children enrolled in a school [are encouraged to be active members of its PTA, and to comply with whatever obligations] SHALL BE CONSIDERED MEMBERS OF ITS PTCA AND ARE OBLIGED TO COMPLY WITH THE DUTIES and responsibilities such membership entails.

"[Parent-Teacher Association] PTCAS all over the country shall [aid] ASSIST the municipal and other local authorities and school officials in [the enforcement of
juvenile delinquency control measures, and in the implementation of programs and activities to promote child welfare.]

- PROMOTING THE WELFARE AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN INCLUDING SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

- "PTCAs shall be afforded wide latitude in working and coordinating with school officials, student councils, and other concerned authorities as they complement their work in implementing a holistic development plan for children."

- "Given their critical involvement in school and community affairs, PTCAs shall be recognized as partners of government and, as appropriate, their principal officers designated as ex officio members of the local school boards and the legislative bodies provided for in Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the ‘Local Government Code of 1991’."

- "Art. 77-A. Principal Functions of the PTCAs. — The principal functions of the PTCAs are as follows:

  - (1) Create a development program for children to ensure that they become well-rounded, stable, sociable and civic-oriented citizens and to serve as the forum for the discussion of problems, solutions, issues, and concerns relative to such goal;

- "(2) Ensure the full cooperation of parents, teachers, and other community stakeholders in the efficient and effective implementation of said development program;

- "(3) Consult the children at all times, through their student councils, in the planning and implementation of programs, projects, and activities;

- "(4) Serve as an avenue for local school stakeholders to design other appropriate programs, discuss issues, identify solutions, and recommend action that will address children’s concerns;

- "(5) Raise awareness on and support the implementation of child protection policies and issues in schools and communities as mandated by the Department of Education (DepEd);

- "(6) Assess the local implementation of basic education program through increased collaboration and cooperation among key local school stakeholders such as the parents, teachers, communities, schools, government officials, and civil society;

- "(7) Partner with the appropriate school officials and consult student councils, in the design, implementation, follow-up, and monitoring of school programs such as literacy, hygiene, health and nutrition, and disaster risk reduction, that require the follow-through,
SUPPORT, AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS;

AND

"(8) STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG
SCHOOL STAKEHOLDERS BY FACILITATING INFORMATION
DISSEMINATION AMONG PARENTS IN THE COMMUNITY ON
DEPED AND LOCAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES,
INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODES AND
PARTICIPATION IN MONITORING, ASSESSING, AND
EVALUATING THESE SERVICES."

"ART. 77-B. ROLE OF THE DEPED. – THE DEPED
SHALL FORMULATE THE RULES WHICH SHALL ADVANCE
THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT. IT SHALL LIKEWISE
ENSURE COMPLIANCE OF BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOLS
IN ORGANIZING THEIR PTCAS."

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is
held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared
shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, and
rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions
of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of
general circulation.

Approved,