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EXPLANATORY NOTE

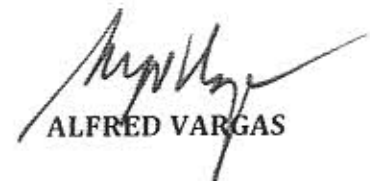
Establishing and maintaining a well-concieved automated student record system offers overwhelming benefits to the Philippine education system. First, a comprehensive national public school database ensures that data are readily available. This, in turn, will ensure that teachers and administrators respond to the needs of their students promptly, efficiently, and effectively. Second, a well-designed database preserves the quality of the data and can also help reduce the costs of handling the paperwork associated with record-keeping. Finally, an automated database allows for the easy and efficient movement of student records from one educational institution to another, thereby streamlines the enrolment process.

This bill mandates the Department of Education (DepEd) to develop, operate and maintain a National Public School Database that contains relevant student information.

If enacted, we are not only empowering teachers and school administrators to make sound decisions for the holistic development of our students, we are also providing the Philippine government and its policymakers with proper information that gives them directions towards a more successful educational system.

This measure is an effort and initiative of the Honorable Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Senator of the Philippines, while he was on his term as Representative of the First District of Valenzuela City.

Approval, therefore, is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE AUTOMATION OF A NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DATABASE

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Public School Database Act of 2019.*"

SEC 2. Declaration of Policy - It is the policy of the State to establish and maintain a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development. Toward this end, the government shall ensure the promotion of efficient access to both elementary and secondary education for the public.

SEC 3. Coverage. - This Act shall apply to public schools in both primary and secondary levels of the educational system.

SEC 4. National Public School Database. - The Department of Education (DepEd) is hereby mandated to develop, operate, and maintain a National Public School Database that contains student information, including, but not limited to the following:

1. School Grades
2. Personal Data
3. Good Moral Record
4. Improvement Tracking

SEC 5. Database Access. - School administrators shall be given access to the National Public School Database containing student records and other student-specific data, such as exam scores, grade levels, attendance, and immunization records, for the following purpose:

- a) Recording biographical data for all students;

- b) Handling admissions and discharges; and
- c) Transferring to other schools.

SEC. 6. Database Information Program. – The DepEd shall formulate a Database Information Program to train education professionals in the development and maintenance of the information in the National Public School Database.

SEC. 7. Illegal Use of the Database. – No person shall use, access, or utilize the National Public School Database except for the reasons mentioned in Section 5 of this Act.

SEC. 8. Penalties. – Any person caught illegally altering, falsifying, or misusing student information in the National Public School Database shall be sanctioned with the penalty of imprisonment of not less than six months to not more than one year, or a fine of not less than Php10,000.00 to not more than Php50,000.00, or both at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DepEd shall promulgate the rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. – Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions of this Act shall continue to be in effect and subsisting.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – The provisions of other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* and/or in at least two (2) national newspapers in general circulation.

Approved,