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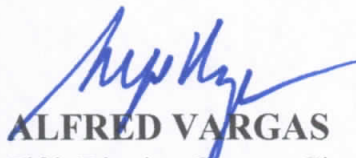
Fraudsters are threatening the school community like never before. Not only are they sending malicious emails or online scams, they're compromising our vulnerable children's safety right where they're supposed to feel secure.

Just as alarming is the fact that these scam syndicates target the young to launder their criminal funds, enlisting pupils who unwittingly transfer the proceeds of their heinous deeds.

Majority of today's young are tech-savvy and digitally engaged. No wonder, figures show that young people are easy prey to all kinds of scams, especially those from online sources. Such scams include pyramiding, 'budol budol', black dollar, public housing, investments and online scam.

The escalating threat of fraud in the education sector, not only stresses the need to protect young people from scams. It also points to the alarming fact that pupils are exposed to the dangers these fraudsters create. It is therefore vital for schools to promote anti-scam awareness throughout the society

In view of the foregoing, this legislative measure's immediate enactment into a law is hereby earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INCORPORATING SCAM PREVENTION EDUCATION IN
THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Title* — This Act shall be known as the “Scam Prevention Education Act of 2019.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy* – The constitution declares that it is the state’s policy to serve and protect the people, to prioritize education in order to promote patriotism and nationalism, and to recognize the vital role of communication and information in nation building. Towards this end, this Act aims to stem, if not eliminate different types of scams by inculcating in our youth and/or students the value of critical thinking. This will prevent them from falling prey to scams as they immerse themselves daily in the online world.

SECTION 3. *Inclusion of Scam Education in the Senior High School Curricula* — Scam Education shall be part of the Senior High School curriculum in public and private schools.

The Department of Education (DepEd), in consultation with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and other concerned agencies shall immediately formulate necessary steps and measures to achieve the objectives of this Section.

SECTION 4. *Appropriation-* The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriation of the Department of Education (DepED), under the current General Appropriations Act. Such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - The DepEd, in consultation with the DICT, PNP and NBI among others, shall have the joint responsibility of adopting the implementing rules of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause* - If any section or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved.