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HOUSE BILL NO. 2986



Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Ordinarily, the first thing that employers require from a job applicant is the submission of their *curriculum vitae*. From there, the applicant is evaluated based on his potential "added value" to the business of the employer.

Multi-national dealings and transactions among businesses in our current global state have also made imperative the importance of easing communication barriers with other countries. Granting that we are one of the most fluent English speakers in the world, not all nations use the English language as their medium of communication.

Thus, this measure seeks to mandate all colleges and universities to include in their respective curricula, the instruction of at least one (1) foreign language other than English as an elective subject. This way, students will have the opportunity to study, learn, and be fluent in another language, which may come in handy in the future. Evidently, fluency in, or at the very least, familiarity with another language adds premium to one's value which will be beneficial for seeking employment.

The immediate passage of this bill is collectively sought.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a large, hand-drawn circle. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Precious Hipolito Castelo".

PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO

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AN ACT

MANDATING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO INCLUDE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CURRICULA THE INSTRUCTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT

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

SECTION 1. Under this Act, all colleges and universities, public and private, are hereby mandated to include in their respective curricula the instruction of at least one (1) foreign language other than English as an elective subject.

SEC. 2. The Commission of Higher Education (CHED) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the CHED under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers.

Approved,