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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Over the past decades, schools have been used to house hundreds or thousands of evacuees during disasters and calamities. These conditions have disrupted education, caused damage to educational facilities and equipment, and displaced students from learning. Schools have insufficient contingency plans on camp management and preparedness to act as evacuation centers. Thus, public schools should not be used as evacuation centers in order to ensure the continuity of education even in the midst of disasters and calamities.

This measure aims to establish an evacuation center in all cities and municipalities that will become temporary shelter of victims of disasters. Such structure should withstand the impacts of disaster, reduce social vulnerability for certain groups, meet certain safety standards, ensure reliable water supply and uninterrupted power supply, and set up facilities for sanitation and hygiene.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY EVACUATION CENTER IN ALL CITIES  
AND MUNICIPALITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Mandatory Evacuation  
2 Center Act of 2020."

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4 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It shall be the policy of the State to protect the  
5 people's right to life and property, and to promote their general welfare. Towards  
6 this end, the government must invest in building life-saving, disaster-resilient  
7 evacuation centers in all municipalities and cities as a strategic component for  
8 disaster mitigation and preparedness framework and for long-term development  
9 agenda for local communities.

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11 **SECTION 3. Establishment/Construction of Evacuation Centers.** - There shall be  
12 an established evacuation center in every city and municipality throughout the  
13 country which shall provide basic needs and assistance to all evacuees, and shall  
14 serve as their temporary shelter that will guarantee the safety and wellbeing of all  
15 who have become victims of natural calamities or hazards/emergency events such  
16 as, typhoons, floods, fire, storm surges, weather disturbances, earthquakes, volcano  
17 eruption, and outbreak of illnesses/diseases that may cause imminent danger to  
18 their life and property.

1 **SECTION 4. Evacuation Center Requirements.** - The following shall be the  
2 minimum requirements for every evacuation center that will be established under  
3 this Act:

4 a. *Location* - The evacuation center should be easily accessible to evacuees  
5 and to emergency rescue personnel. It should be located away from  
6 potential primary and/or secondary hazards. Local Government Units  
7 (LGUs) concerned shall coordinate with the Department of Environment  
8 and Natural Resources to identify the appropriate location of the  
9 evacuation center.

10 b. *Structural Capacity* - The evacuation center must be able to withstand  
11 category 5 typhoons and magnitude 8 earthquakes. It shall be built in  
12 accordance with Republic Act No. 6541, otherwise known as the "National  
13 Building Code of the Philippines" and should adhere to the International  
14 Building Code.

15 c. *Facilities* - The evacuation center shall have adequate water, sanitation and  
16 hygiene facilities, and uninterrupted power supply. It shall have special  
17 shelter arrangements for more vulnerable individuals including lactating  
18 mothers, children, the elderly, and persons with disability.

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20 **SECTION 5. Operations and Management of the Evacuation Center.** - The LGUs  
21 concerned shall be primarily responsible for the operation, supervision, and  
22 management of evacuation centers established under this Act.

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24 **SECTION 6. Role of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management**  
25 **Council** - The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, or its  
26 successor, shall be the primary lead agency which shall oversee the implementation  
27 of this Act.

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29 **SECTION 7. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to fund the construction and  
30 maintenance of evacuation centers under this Act shall be sourced from a portion of  
31 the general appropriations of the DPWH. Every year thereafter, the amounts

1 necessary for the construction and maintenance of evacuation center shall be  
2 included in the list of programs as part of annual budget in the General  
3 Appropriations Act.

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5 The appropriations necessary for the operation and management of the  
6 evacuation centers shall be charged against the funds of the Local Disaster Risk  
7 Reduction & Management Council (LDRRMC), or its successor.

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9 **SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety days (90) after  
10 the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government, the  
11 Department of Public Works and Highways, and the National Disaster Risk  
12 Reduction and Management Council, shall formulate the necessary rules and  
13 regulations to carry out the objectives of this Act.

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15 **SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or  
16 portions thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
17 accordingly.

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19 **SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
20 publication in the *Official Gazette* or at least two (2) national newspapers of general  
21 circulation.

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23 Approved,