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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 780

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE MAJOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES TO COME UP WITH A TASK FORCE WHICH WILL RECOMMEND A MECHANISM FOR A HOME BASED/VIRTUAL EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR K-12 STUDENTS DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has declared a State of Public Health Emergency as a measure to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in the country.

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines also suspended classes in all levels in the National Capital Region from March 10-14, 2020.

WHEREAS, the current school calendar will be tremendously affected by the declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency, thus, the need to look for ways to continue classes without exposing our children to the danger of contracting COVID-19 is imminent and highly called for under this circumstances.

WHEREAS, the major telecommunications companies can provide for free the needed internet bandwidth in order for K-12 students to access home based/virtual education programs which will then form part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is encouraged and empowered to design a temporary home based/virtual educational system and in conjunction, the Department of Information and Communications Technology shall likewise provide for the platform and process in order to properly implement said endeavor and realize such system to its finest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Education, the Department of Information and Communications Technology, the Department of Health, and other concerned agencies of the government, to immediately form a task force and come up with a system for a homebased/virtual education to address the looming threat of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) not only on our health but also on the educational aspects of our children, and more importantly, as their corporate social responsibility, for the telecommunications companies to provide the internet bandwidth for such program and system for proper and effective implementation.

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