

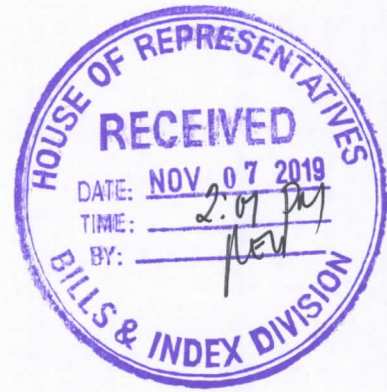


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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by Representative Florencio Gabriel “Bem” G. Noel

This bill seeks to better prepare the youth, students, and teachers in handling calamities and disasters by requiring all primary and secondary schools to include their curriculum the teaching of disaster awareness and disaster mitigation. This is in response to the dangerous threat that calamities such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, tsunamis pose on the Philippines. Being an archipelago lying between two major tectonic plates, the Philippines is vulnerable and highly prone to experience any of these catastrophes.

Hence, it is necessary to promote the subject of disaster awareness and disaster mitigation to help protect the well-being of the youth, students, as well as the teachers. As provided in Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. Ensuring the safety of the youth is of paramount importance to the State and therefore the passage of this bill vital for achieving that end.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this bill is respectfully requested.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF DISASTER AWARENESS AND
DISASTER MITIGATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL PRIMARY
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. **Integration.** — Teaching of disaster awareness and disaster mitigation is hereby required to be part of the curriculum of all primary and secondary schools in the Philippines.

Sec. 2. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** — The Department of Education (DepEd) shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provision of this Act.

Sec. 3. **Appropriations.** — The funds needed for this purpose shall be taken from the appropriations of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 4. **Repealing Clause.** — All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. **Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,