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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The schools, or any academic institutions for that matter, are not as safe as everybody thinks they are. Despite the security and safety they provide, being thought of and considered “a second home”, where the students (and administrators) spend hours and hours focused forward, pushing to reach goals and objectives through education, it is still not crime-proof. With news about students, teachers, school administrators being murdered, bullied, mugged, raped, and generally transgressed upon, it is high time for us to seriously consider what we, as lawmakers, can do to instill preparedness, caution and awareness inside the school campuses.

This Bill generally aims to help the people in the school premises and academic institutions to be informed of the crime situations and statistics, hence, making them more vigilant and aware of their own safety.

The parents, guardian, the administrators, school workers, and the students of the academic institutions have the right to be informed about the condition obtaining in its premises, thus the need for the current crime rate and conditions to be posted for information dissemination. It is the right of every Filipino to be informed of the situations, current and otherwise, that involve the safety and security of those in the school premises. This is a vital information that everybody deserves.

To be informed also would make the people active participants in ensuring its safety and minimizing risks and danger therein. This Act/Bill would have to be adhered for its main purpose of helping to mitigate or at least lessen the perils that might transpire sans the knowledge of the crime statistics.

This bill, aside from its purpose of informing the academic institutions, would demand proper assessment of the police security and action. Although it is given that the police should “protect and serve,” without any condition and limitation, we can never deny the fact that sometimes, the police falls short in some aspects. They tend to slack and become confident if the place they cover does not seem to need that much security. But no one can tell, much judge, the need for proper security. As taxpayers, it is a right to be able to be protected and feel secured against the bad elements that linger around.

Also, this Bill requires the school administration and the police to come up with ideas, policies, guiding principles, and course of action as to how to confront and to actively address the challenges that involve the security and safety of their school premises. This also involves the participation of the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA)—if applies, to come up with guidelines and rules so as to lessen

the risks that involve their children/student's security, as well as those who are working in the said institutions. This Bill does not only make the students, administrators, and parents cognizant of the crime and delinquency rate or statistics but also makes the people around the area where the academic institution is situated informed and vigilant.

And what better way to inform people but to make the crime situations and statistics to be written on paper and posted in conspicuous areas of the schools—private and public, as well as universities and colleges, for the sole purpose of heightening the alertness and vigilance of everyone.



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**AN ACT REQUIRING ALL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
TO POST THE CURRENT CRIME RATE AND CONDITION IN THE  
COMMUNITY WHERE THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED**

**SECTION 1. Short Title** - This Act shall be known as the “Crime Awareness for Schools, Colleges and Universities Act.”

**SECTION 2. Definition of terms** - For purposes of this Act,

“Schools, Colleges and Universities” shall include all learning institutions established in the Philippines both public and private;

“School and University Administration and Officials” shall include but not be limited to School Principals, Assistant Principals, Student Affairs Officer, Deans, Assistant and Associate Deans, Chancellors, Vice Chancellors and others with similar or related functions;

“Police Station Commander” shall be the member of the Philippine National Police appointed by the Chief of the Philippine National Police and/or by the Regional or District Directors of different Police Districts to be the Station Commander of a particular Police Precinct;

“DepEd” shall mean the Department of Education;

“CHED” shall mean the Commission on Higher Education;

“DILG” shall mean the Department of Interior Local Government.

**SECTION 3. Coverage of the Act** - It shall be the duty of every School, College and University administrators and officials to post the current crime rate and conditions in the area where such is located, in at least five (5) conspicuous places inside the school or university, five (5) days before the start of every enrollment. If the university is composed of many colleges or departments, each college or department shall post two (2) copies thereof: one (1) on the bulletin board and one (1) outside the room where enrollment is being held, and in all cases shall remain posted until the end of the current school-year.

**SECTION 4. Functions of the School Administrators and/or Officials and the Police Station Commanders** - The School and University administrator or official shall, at least thirty (30) days before the enrollment inform the Police Station Commander who has jurisdiction over the area where the school is located the

exact date of the enrollment. The latter shall respond within fifteen (15) days thereafter, with a copy of the updated crime rate and condition within its jurisdiction.

**SECTION 5. What is included in the copy of the Crime Rate and Condition -**

The copy of the crime rate and condition to be submitted by the Police Station Commander to the school official shall include: the crime/s committed, the date when the crime was committed, the place where the crime was committed, the status of the case and the name/s of the convicted offender/s. It shall be signed by the Police Station Commander at the end of the document.

**SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations** - The DepEd, CHED and DILG shall jointly issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity. It shall include the proper administrative penalties for every person that will violate any provisions of this act.

**SECTION 7. Repealing Clause** - All laws, rules and regulations that may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 8. Separability Clause** - If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is adjudged invalid, all its other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force.

**SECTION 9. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.