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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS  
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House Bill No. 849



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Introduced by HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA  
4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT, BULACAN

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

With climate crisis as the new normal, the State must initiate novel approaches in education to train our children to preserve and control the environment, and prepare them for the inevitable climate change.

In a study conducted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), it was found that "human influence on climate change is clear". When petrol is used to power cars and electricity to energize individual homes, carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere, this adversely affects its absorptive capacity. Global warming occurs. As the world population increases, as it is expected to reach 10 billion by 2050, the atmosphere would gradually deplete its capacity to absorb greenhouse gases.

It is therefore imperative to educate our children in their early years that lifestyle and technology choices have to be adjusted.

By instructing our young students on the need to develop a sense of responsibility towards the environment will prepare them for more challenging issues on the subject as they mature to become pro-active citizens of this country.

This bill was filed during the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress but was not taken up due to time constraints. This re-filed for the consideration of the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.

REP. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS  
IN THE KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY LEVELS

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall ensure the conduct of environmental education for all students in the kindergarten and elementary levels. The instructional module shall cover but not limited to, recycling, energy efficiency, conservation, and climate change.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Education shall determine how to incorporate such module in the existing curricula and shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general publication.

Approved,