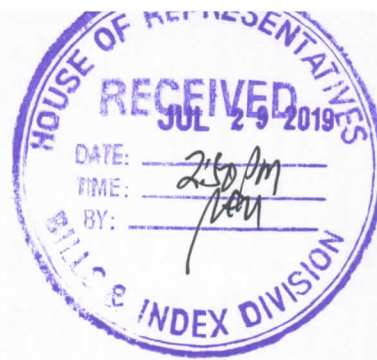


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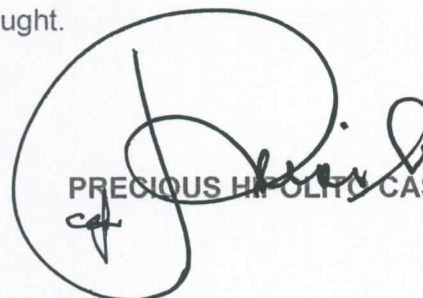
The phenomenon of globalization inevitably resulted in a closer and stronger international integration among nations. In 2018, the Philippines was named as the second top globalization destination in the world, according to global strategic advisory firm Tholons.¹ Said "globalization index" evaluates and ranks countries based on the availability and quality of talent in the area, business catalyst or the level of industry-related activity and organizational support, cost of doing business, infrastructure, innovation, and risk and quality of life among others.²

The significance of globalization to a country has always been viewed under an economic lens. However, it cannot be denied that the impact of globalization also touches upon an important aspect of culture, which is language.

Truly, our fluency in English has paved the way for more opportunities for investments and employment here and abroad. Nonetheless, considering that not all nations use the English language as a medium of instruction in schools, it is indubitable that communication barriers still exist among countries. This only hampers our country's progress to be the top globalization destination in the world.

Thus, this measure seeks to mandate all schools to include in their respective curricula for Senior High School level, the instruction of foreign language as an elective subject. This way, students will have the opportunity to study, learn, and be fluent in another language, which may come in handy in the future. Evidently, fluency in, or at the very least, familiarity with another language adds premium to one's value which will be beneficial for seeking employment.

The immediate passage of this bill is collectively sought.


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¹ <https://news.abs-cbn.com/business/10/20/18/philippines-is-worlds-second-top-globalization-destination-index>

² *Ibid.*

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MANDATING ALL SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CURRICULA FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL THE INSTRUCTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT

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

SECTION 1. Under this Act, all schools, public and private, are hereby mandated to include in their respective curricula the instruction of at least one (1) foreign language other than English as an elective subject.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the DepEd under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers.

Approved,