EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 4(1) of the 1987 Constitution provides that, “The State recognizes the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions”.

Schools are considered as second home of students, teachers and administrators wherein they spend most of their time in school for learning. However, despite the security provided by the school administration there are still incidents wherein teachers were robbed\(^1\), students allegedly rape\(^2\), campus shooting\(^3\) and the most alarming is when a grade 7 student was shot in front of his classmates inside their classroom\(^4\). This Act aims to provide safe environment for students by mandating schools to develop security plans and methodologies to deter crime inside their campuses.

This Act also recognizes modern technology to improve campus security by installing Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras. The use of CCTV cameras in all schools can help authorities in apprehending malefactor which will eventually deter any individual in committing felonious act in and around school premises.

In light of the foregoing, immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.

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\(^1\) https://www.rappler.com/nation/41672-up-diliman-prof-robbed-on-campus
\(^2\) https://www.rappler.com/nation/217501-ateneo-investigates-alleged-campus-rape-case
\(^3\) https://gulfnews.com/world/asia/philippines/philippines-fatal-school-shooting-investigated-by-education-department-1.1380065
\(^4\) https://www.cnnphilippines.com/regional/2019/7/4/Grade-7-shot-dead-security-guard-Calamba-City.html?fbclid=IwAR3DzFEdzjWPmoeqEVhFb6QgLzgFwYzkNCS9Q2kBoOoLHBMaAl_L8GlxHnAKU?fbclid
AN ACT
TO INCREASE CAMPUS SECURITY AND CRIME AWARENESS, INSTALLING CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN ALL SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as “Campus Security Act.”

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It shall be the policy of the State to provide a safe and healthy environment for students by requiring educational institutions to disclose crime statistics that occur within the campus and its security policies and procedures and to adopt modern technology in apprehending and preventing crimes to enhance security and maintain peace and order in every school all over the country.

Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. – A used in this Act.

a) Campus refers to any establishment or property, grounds and buildings of an institution for educational purposes.

b) Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) refers to any device or system that could be used to capture and record photo or still and moving or video images.

Sec. 4. Installation of Closed-Circuit Television Cameras. – It is hereby mandated that every single school nationwide shall install Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras within their establishments that will cover strategic areas in their premises so as to capture photos and/or videos of possible crimes or untoward incident that may occur threat.
Sec. 5. Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics. – Upon
effectivity of this Act, schools shall begin to collect the following information with respect
to campus crime statistics and campus security policies and each year thereafter, prepare,
publish, and distribute through appropriate publications or mailings to all current students
and employees and to any applicant for enrollment upon request and annual security
report containing at least the following information with respect to the campus policies
and campus crime statistics of that institution:
   a) Statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for
   students;
   b) Reports of criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus; and
   c) Policies concerning the institution’s response to such report.

Sec. 6. Appropriation. – The budget necessary for the implementation of this Act
shall be included in annual budget of the Department of Education (DepEd and the
Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

For private facilities, funding shall be included in the corporate budget.

Sec. 7. Implementation. – The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on
Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall
promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of the
provisions of this Act.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause. – If any provision or portion of this Act is declared
unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not thereby affected shall
remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules,
regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any
provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

Sec. 10. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,