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HOUSE BILL NO. ______

Introduced by Representative Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Computer literacy becomes a skill one cannot do without as the world shifts towards digitalization and the use of the Internet. Even in education, learning is made easier and more effective through the use of computers and online sharing of learning materials, ideas, and discussions. However, while the rest of the world rapidly adapts to this innovation and use the Internet to connect with each other, a lot of Filipino students, especially those in public schools, remain unable to access computers and the Internet. Many of the public schools in the country do not have the capacity and the resources to introduce computer and Internet literacy in their curriculum.

For this reason, this Act seeks to establish a computer and internet laboratory in every public elementary school and high school in the country in order to jumpstart basic computer and Internet literacy instruction for the Filipino students.

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GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR.
AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A COMPUTER AND INTERNET LABORATORY IN ALL PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Computer and Internet Literacy for Public Schools Act.”

SEC. 2. Every public elementary and high school in the country shall have at least one room that shall be used as a computer laboratory and which in turn shall be used in providing computer and internet literacy instruction to students.

SEC. 3. The Department of Education (DepEd) is mandated to include computer and internet literacy in the curriculum of all public elementary schools so that all graduating elementary students shall receive basic computer and internet literacy instruction.

SEC. 4. The Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with the Department of Information and Technology (DICT), shall formulate the pertinent rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 5. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.
SEC. 6. All laws, orders, issuance rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.