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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES ENRICO A. PINEDA and
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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE
OF THE DEPED COMPUTERIZATION PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION ON THE PROVISIONS OF R.A. 10173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012**

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act of 2012, stated that it is the policy of the state to protect the fundamental human right of privacy, of communication while ensuring free flow of information to promote innovation and growth and that the State recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation-building and its inherent obligation to ensure that personal information in information and communications systems in the government and in the private sector are secured and protected;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10175 further declared that the State also recognizes the importance of providing an environment conducive to the development, acceleration, and rational application and exploitation of information and communications technology (ICT) to attain free, easy, and intelligible access to exchange and/or delivery of information; and the need to protect and safeguard the integrity of computer, computer and communications systems, networks, and databases, and the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information and data stored therein, from all forms of misuse, abuse, and illegal access by making punishable under the law such conduct or conducts. That in this light, the State shall adopt sufficient powers to effectively prevent and combat such offenses by facilitating their detection, investigation, and prosecution at both the domestic and international levels, and by providing arrangements for fast and reliable international cooperation;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education will be distributing computer packages and tablets to thousands of public schools nationwide from kindergarten to senior high school this year through the DepEd Computerization Program (DCP), whose aim is to put up computer labs in every public school by 2022;


WHEREAS, while the ongoing project of the DepEd is highly commendable, R.A. 10173 requires that those who will be handling the information of students in our public schools are legally bound to manage data delicately and ethically. Further, R.A. 10175 provides that such data shall be protected against cybercrime, and that cybersecurity is primarily a necessity;

WHEREAS, there has been allegations that the computers and tablets distributed by the DepEd under the DCP Program have no proper software monitoring applications nor does it have security provisions in place that would prevent, detect and respond to vulnerabilities and data breaches, notwithstanding the suitable personnel that would ensure data protection as required by our laws;

WHEREAS, while the DepEd introduced measures to counter computer theft and fencing, the agency is thereby neglecting the more serious threat of cybertheft and cyberattacks;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, that the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and other appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged non-compliance of the DepEd Computerization Program of the Department of Education on the provisions of R.A. 10173, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

Adopted,



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