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Introduced by **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEES ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE, AND HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO LOOK INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8047 AND OTHER RELATED LAWS ESPECIALLY ON THE PRODUCTION, PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND TEXTBOOKS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE NATIONAL BOOK POLICY AND NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State "to promote the continuing development of the book publishing industry, with the active participation of the private sector, to ensure the adequate supply of affordable, quality-produced books not only for the domestic but also for the export market."<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, in 2018, errors were found in textbooks developed and produced by the Department of Education (DepEd) and used by pupils and students. To enumerate a few:

- 1) Grade 7 MAPEH (Music, Arts, PE and Health)
- 2) Grade 3 English Learner's Material  
430 errors; and
- 3) Grade 3 Araling Panlipunan Learner's Material  
1,308 errors;  
and these errors include, among others:  
"Banana Rice Tereces"  
"Manila is near the equator that's why its temperature is low and sometimes it rises."  
"The Philippines is an island of 7,100 islands"

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1, RA No. 8047.

“Palay is the main food of Filipinos<sup>2</sup>”

WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA) in its 2018 audit report states that defects and deficiencies in textbooks and books to students and teachers render them as “instructional materials of poor quality.”<sup>3</sup>

WHEREAS, in the same COA report, the Commission likewise noted that the defective and erroneous textbooks amount to 254 million pesos of government money.<sup>4</sup>


WHEREAS, the 2011 COA reports likewise reveal that 608 million pesos worth of textbooks being used are already obsolete and no longer “responsive” to the K to 12 program.<sup>5</sup>

WHEREAS, the DepEd, on the other hand, responds to the above findings and reports by stating that such errors are “matters of usage and editorial preference” and defending the applicability as reference of the supposed obsolete textbooks.<sup>6</sup>

WHEREAS, the significance of books and textbooks in any educational system or academic institution cannot be understated and thus the appropriate and effective government policy has to be institutionalized. For after all, instructional materials not only provide information that students need to learn to pass a subject but they also mold knowledge and belief that undeniably will be carried on for life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE, AND HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION LOOK INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RA NO. 8047 AND OTHER RELATED LAWS, AND RULES AND REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY ON THE PRODUCTION, PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND TEXTBOOKS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE COUNTRY’S NATIONAL BOOK POLICY AND NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Adopted,



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<sup>2</sup> Errors in our textbooks. INQUIRER.NET.

<sup>3</sup> news.abs-cbn.com. COA Flags 254m DepEd Contract for Error-Filled Textbooks, Adrian Ayalin. 09 August 2019.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> rappler.com. DepEd on COA Report: Textbooks not Useless, Obsolete, Jee Geronimo. 06 April 2015.

<sup>6</sup> philstar.com. DepEd Exec clarifies errors in textbooks, Janvic Mateo. 24 August 2019. *Ibid.*