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RESOLUTION

URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE PRESENT STATE OF THE COUNTRY'S QUALITY OF EDUCATION TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN LITERACY

Whereas, three (3) years after the implementation of the K-to-12 program, it appears that literacy remains to be a problem as manifested by the result of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) sanctioned by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) last December 2019.

Whereas, reports reveal that the subsisting ratio of students to books is there-is-to-one (3:1), which evidently means that three students share one book or translates to only thirty three percent (33%) of all students have books.

Whereas, there is likewise a terrifying disclosure that approximately fifteen percent (15%) of students in elementary and lower high school levels are regarded as "non-readers" and yet they are being elevated from one level to the next despite such classification of not being able to read, much less comprehend.

Whereas, the current policy of “no child left behind” may need to be clarified and emphasized given that educators may have already acquired that distorted interpretation of making all students pass despite any deficiency in academics, especially in math and reading.

Whereas, a comprehensive review of the duties and responsibilities of teachers, the existing educational facilities and infrastructures, and the national budgetary allocation for education is necessary to make them more apt and adaptable to present trends and demands in this modern age of information technology where the internet, specifically video games and the various social media applications, is a major if not the greatest competitor of formal education in terms of getting students’ time and attention.

Whereas, to address illiteracy is to address a crisis of national and primordial importance and thus needs the immediate attention of the House of Representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture conduct an inquiry into the present state of the quality of education to address illiteracy with the end in view of enacting legislative measures to address the same.

Adopted.

