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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 326

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on **22 JUL 2017**

Re: House Bill No. **6024**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5456

Sponsors: Representatives Ann K. Hofer and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to which was referred:

House Bill No. 5456, introduced by Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, entitled:

“AN ACT
RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL
CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **6024**, entitled:

“AN ACT
RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL
CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY”;

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5456 and with Representatives Ann K. Hofer and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

HON. ANN K. HOFER
Chairperson
Committee on Higher
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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6024**
(In substitution of House Bill No. 5456)

Introduced by REPS. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and ANN K. HOFER

AN ACT
RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE
NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY

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

SECTION. 1. This Act shall be known as the “National Campus Press Freedom Day Act.”

SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote, protect and safeguard the constitutionally guaranteed right to freedom of expression, speech and of the press. As part of media, the campus press is an important institution in promoting and protecting the freedom of the press and the freedom of expression. As a testament to its remarkable contribution in the continued advancement of these freedoms, the State shall, as a matter of policy, promote the observance of July 25 of every year as “National Campus Press Freedom Day.”

SEC. 3. The 25th of July of every year is hereby declared as the “National Campus Press Freedom Day” and shall be observed in all educational institutions.

SEC. 4. All educational institutions are mandated to provide full support and assistance to the preparation of the annual program of activities and events to be conducted by students in observance of the “National Campus Press Freedom Day” pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6024

(In substitution of House Bill No. 5456)

AN ACT

RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Introduced by: **REP. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE**

Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**
Committee Chairperson: **REP. ANN K. HOFER**

OBJECTIVES:

- To promote, protect and safeguard the constitutionally guaranteed right to freedom of expression, speech, and of the press
- To recognize campus press as an important institution in society that promotes the freedom of the press and the freedom of expression
- To develop critical thinking and creativity among students and provide a channel for responsible exercise of their freedom of expression

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Declares the 25th of July of every year as “National Campus Press Freedom Day”, to be observed in all educational institutions
- Mandates all educational institutions to provide full support and assistance to events and activities to be conducted by students in recognition of “National Campus Press Freedom Day”

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act 7079 or the “Campus Journalism Act of 1991”