Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on 6595
Re: House Bill No. 6595

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2986

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go and Precious Hipolito Castelo

Mr. Speaker:

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

House Bill No. 2986, introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo, entitled:

"AN ACT
MANDATING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO INCLUDE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CURRICULA THE INSTRUCTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT",

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 6595, entitled:

"AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM"

RespectfullySubmitted,

MARK O. GO
Chairperson
Committee on Higher
and Technical Education

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Foreign Language Education Act.”

SEC. 2. The teaching of a foreign language other than English, as an elective course, shall be included in the curriculum of higher education.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994”, shall develop the program to execute and implement this Act.

SEC. 3. The foreign language elective course shall be a basic course for beginners and shall be designed as a three (3)-unit subject to be offered in all higher education institutions.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall issue the rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, executive order, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected shall remain in force and effect.
SEC. 7. 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. 6595
(In substitution of House Bill No. 2986)

AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM


Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Committee Chairperson: REP. MARK O. GO

OBJECTIVES:

- To prepare students for the global workplace in a linguistically diverse world where, in many countries, English is not widely spoken
- To make students fluent in another language, aside from English

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Mandates that the teaching of a foreign language other than English, as an elective course, shall be included in the curriculum of higher education
- Instructs the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 7722, "Higher Education Act of 1994", to develop the program to execute and implement this Act
- Mandates that the foreign language elective course shall be a basic course for beginners and shall be designed as a three (3)-unit subject to be offered in all higher education institutions
• Directs the CHED, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, to issue the necessary rules and regulations.

RELATED LAWS:

• Republic Act (R. A.) No. 7722 (Higher Education Act of 1994)
• R. A. No. 10678 (Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education or the UniFAST Act)
• R.A. No. 10931 (Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act)