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NO. 295

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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:*

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Foreign Language  
2 Education".

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

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

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

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

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9 Act are repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

10 SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
11 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not  
12 affected shall remain in force and effect.

13 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
14 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general  
15 circulation.

Approved,

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