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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4841



Introduced by Hon. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The national history of any country in the world is an essential subject that is part of the basic educational curriculum in both the primary and secondary school in each of the respective countries. However, isn't the geographical local history of where the school is situated just as important to the residents who are enrolled there?

Local history is the study of history in a geographically local context which focuses on the local community's cultural and social aspects of history. Local history is not just a study of past events in a smaller geographical area of the country but it can also be placed in a comparative context that is both regional and national.

Many local histories are recorded orally in stories passed down from one generation to another which makes it vulnerable to alteration, distorting the facts in the process. Such past local events may not have much historical importance but it still creates an indigenous identity for the natives or residents that can be just as rich culturally and socially even if it is at a lower scale giving pride to the residents.

We need to know what happened in our area which our ancestors lived and when they were living there had such an effect on them as local history also shapes who you are. There is a need to educate the youth their local history, at the very least in one subject in secondary school so that it will not be lost in time.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
TO INCLUDE A SUBJECT IN LOCAL HISTORY IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS

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

SECTION 1. Creation of a Local History Subject in Secondary School – There shall be created a subject in the academic curriculum that will teach local history in all public and private high schools.

SECTION 2. Implementation - The Department of Education (DepEd), thru the DepEd District or DepEd Division Offices of the Province or Municipality shall issue the necessary measures to carry out this Act including the writing of a course outline, the appropriate primers and books for the local history subject .

SECTION 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,