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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE AUDIT FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) REGARDING VARIOUS ERRORS ON ITS LEARNING MATERIALS AND MODULES FOR PURPOSES OF INSTITUTING REFORMS, REVIEW OF POLICIES, AND ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPED

Whereas, the Committee on Public Accounts has jurisdiction over all matters directly and principally relating to the examination and scrutiny of audit reports on the performance of all government agencies to determine their adherence to or compliance with the plans and programs authorized through appropriations approved by the legislature.¹

Whereas, the COA has time and again flagged the DEPED for disseminating study materials containing factual, grammatical, mathematical, and scientific errors, most notable of which was in its 2018 Executive Summary Report on the Department where the former noted, among other things, various errors in some of the learning materials intended for elementary school pupils valued at P254,352,302.83 despite undergoing the review process of the Department;

Whereas, during the 2020 community quarantines due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the DEPED was constrained to shift to online and modular learning in place of traditional face-to-face classes, and in the implementation thereof, the DEPED has monitored errors in self-learning modules being used by students in view of the distance learning setup being implemented;²

Whereas, majority of the said errors are from modules locally developed by DepEd field units that went through quality assurance from the agency's central office;

Whereas, in this period of fiscal crisis and tightening of public expenditure budgets, it is especially crucial to look at the extent to which public expenditures are wasted;

¹ Rule IX, Section 28 [rr] of the Rules of the House of Representatives in the 18th Congress)

² <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1351671/deped-finds-41-errors-in-self-learning-modules>

Whereas, if this trend in the DEPED is left unresolved, the Department will continue to waste public funds due to re-printing and republication of materials, as well as compromise the basic education of the Filipino Youth by disseminating factual, mathematical, and scientific errors;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Accounts to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the above-stated subject matter.

Adopted,



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