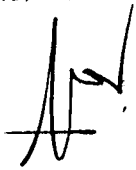




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ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS,
THEREBY CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the State's mandate to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of the youth. This includes ensuring the safety and security of the academic community, majority of whom are students, in all institutions of higher and technical education in the country.

According to the Philippine National Police, students remain to be vulnerable targets of criminals and other opportunists. In fact, there has been a consistently increasing crime statistics in schools and campuses all over the country. Therefore, this bill seeks to ensure the safety and security of the academic community in every higher education institution (HEI) and technical-vocational institutions (TVI) through the establishment of a Crime Prevention Committee (CPC).

The CPC shall formulate policies and strategies that will help protect the academic community from both internal and external threats to their safety and security, such as theft, robbery, rape and other forms of violence. It shall also be tasked to conduct seminars on crime and drug prevention and control, and initiate an intensive information drive regarding this matter.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as "The Campus Safety and Security
2 Act".
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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.*** - It is the responsibility of the State under the Constitution
5 to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of the youth.
6 The State shall ensure the safety and security of the academic community, majority of whom are
7 students, in all institutions of higher and technical education in the country.
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9 **SEC. 3. *Scope.*** - This Act shall apply to all higher education institutions (HEIs) and
10 technical-vocational institutions (TVIs).
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12 **SEC. 4. *Safety and Security Services.*** - All HEIs and TVIs shall endeavor to deliver
13 adequate safety and security services to students, which include the provision of safe and secure
14 environment and the conduct of programs and activities that promote safety and security from both
15 internal and external threats.
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17 For this purpose, the following shall be provided by HEIs and TVIs:
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19 A. A safe, accessible and secure environment, buildings and facilities that shall comply with
20 government standards. Licensed and competent security personnel shall ensure the safety
21 and security of the students, faculty, non-teaching personnel and other members of the
22 academic community and their belongings; and
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24 B. An established mechanism for students to help in crime prevention, safety and security of
25 the concerned HEI and TVI.
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1 **SEC. 5. *Creation, of a Crime Prevention Committee.*** - A Crime Prevention Committee
2 (CPC) shall be established in every HEI and TVI to formulate policies and strategies that shall
3 help protect the academic community from both internal and external threats to their safety and
4 security, such as theft, robbery, rape and other forms of violence within and outside the area where
5 the HEI or TVI is located. The composition of the CPC shall be determined by the respective
6 governing boards of the HEIs and TVIs.
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8 **SEC. 6. *Duties and Responsibilities of the CPC.*** - The CPC shall have the following duties
9 and responsibilities:
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11 A. To formulate, in consultation with the school head, the chief of police where the college or
12 university is located, the punong barangay, and other security specialists as they deem fit,
13 a Crime Prevention Strategy. Such Crime Prevention Strategy shall include, but shall not
14 be limited to, the following:
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- 16 1. A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities to be
17 used by students and others to report criminal actions or other emergencies
18 occurring on campus and those concerning the institution's response to such reports;
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- 20 2. A statement of current policies concerning security and access to campus facilities,
21 including campus residences, and security considerations used in the maintenance
22 of campus facilities;
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- 24 3. A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement including, but
25 not limited to:
26 a. The enforcement authority of security personnel, including their working
27 relationship with national and local police agencies; and
28 b. Policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the
29 campus police and the appropriate police agencies.
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- 31 4. A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to inform students
32 and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage
33 students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of
34 others;
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- 36 5. A description of programs designed to inform students and employees about the
37 prevention of crimes;
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- 39 6. A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recording through local police
40 agencies of criminal activities committed by off-campus student organizations
41 which are recognized by the institution and which count, among its members, the
42 students attending the institution, including those student organizations with off-
43 campus housing facilities; and
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1 7. A statement of policy regarding the possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages
2 and the enforcement of laws against underage drinking; a statement of policy
3 against the possession, use and sale of illegal drugs; the enforcement of drug laws;
4 and a description of any drug or alcohol abuse education programs.
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6 B. To formulate crime prevention programs for the implementation of the CPC;
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8 C. To coordinate with college/school principals or deans, as the case may be, in the
9 maintenance of peace and order within the school/college/university premises;
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11 D. To recommend to the school/college/university the conduct of seminars or training on
12 crime and drug prevention and control in coordination with the National Police
13 Commission (NAPOLCOM) regional office, local police station or the Department of the
14 Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 911;
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16 E. To conduct intensive information drive on the Crime Prevention Strategy which includes
17 semestral distribution of copies and orientation thereon; and
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19 F. To submit to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or to the Technical Education
20 and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), through their respective regional offices, the
21 composition of the CPC and the Crime Prevention Strategy, as well as its program of
22 activities and projects for the academic year two (2) months after the closing of enrolment
23 in the first semester and the accomplishment report within two (2) months after finishing
24 the second semester or trimester of the academic year.
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26 **SEC. 7. Approval and Review of the Crime Prevention Strategy.** - The Crime Prevention
27 Strategy, after approval of the Board of Trustees/Regents, shall be submitted to the CHED or
28 TESDA and shall be subject to its review. If found unsatisfactory by the CHED or TESDA, taking
29 into consideration the circumstances of each college or university, it shall be returned to the Board
30 for appropriate action: *Provided*, That pending its review, the plan shall be implemented by the
31 college or university concerned. The Crime Prevention Strategy shall be subject to review or
32 reassessment annually by the Board or as often as required by circumstances.
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34 **SEC. 8. Duties of the CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional Offices.** - The
35 CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional Offices shall coordinate, supervise and monitor
36 the implementation of the Crime Prevention Strategy, as approved, and projects of CPCs, jointly
37 with the NAPOLCOM in the region. The CHED and the TESDA shall consolidate regional reports
38 for submission to the Office of the CHED Chairperson and the Office of the TESDA Director-
39 General, respectively.
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41 **SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days upon the
42 effectivity of this Act, the CHED and the TESDA, in coordination with the Department of
43 Education (DepEd), the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), the
44 Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), and the Association of
45 Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU), shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
46 effective implementation of this Act.

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In the rules and regulations to be implemented pursuant to this Act, the Chairperson of the CHED and the Director-General of the TESDA shall jointly prescribe the appropriate administrative sanctions on HEIs and TVIs that fail to comply with the requirements under this Act.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. -If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,