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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SITUATION ANALYSIS OF
CHILDREN IN THE PHILIPPINES 2018 STUDY CONDUCTED BY UNICEF
THAT SHOWS LOW AND DECLINING CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION
COVERAGE IN THE COUNTRY

1 WHEREAS, according to the Situation analysis of children in the Philippines
2 study, conducted by the UNICEF, childhood immunization coverage in the country is
3 low and declining, between 2013 and 2015 the routine immunization coverage rate
4 dropped from 89 percent to around 62 percent¹;

5 WHEREAS, also, low immunization rates contributed to increased incidence of
6 vaccine preventable diseases such as rubella (2011) and measles (2014)²;

7 WHEREAS, there is also significant disparity in immunization coverage across
8 the country, with only 18 per cent of children in ARMM receiving all their basic
9 vaccinations (2017), compared to up to 87 per cent in other areas³;

10 WHEREAS, the Philippines has been cited by the WHO Strategic Advisory
11 Group of Experts on Immunization as being among the group of five countries in the
12 world (together with Nigeria, Pakistan, Indonesia and the DRC) with the highest

¹ UNICEF Website, Situation Analysis of Children in the Philippines 2018 Summary, <https://www.unicef.org/philippines/UNICEFSituationAnalysisSummary.pdf>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

13 number of unimmunized children for three doses of Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis
14 (DTP3) in 2015⁴;

15 WHEREAS, according to UNICEF Philippines Representative Lotta Sylwander,
16 Ensuring that children complete their vaccines is not the job of health workers alone.
17 Government agencies, non-government and people's organizations, civic-oriented
18 groups, faith-based organizations, academe and other partners—we can all work
19 together to reach out to families and persuade them that vaccines are safe and
20 effective⁵;

21 WHEREAS, Congress should strongly consider the results of the UNICEF study
22 in order to strengthen existing legislation on child immunization;

23 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate
24 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Situation Analysis of
25 Children in the Philippines Study conducted by UNICEF that shows low and declining
26 childhood immunization coverage in the country.

Adopted,


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⁴ UNICEF Website, Situation Analysis of Children in the Philippines 2018,
<https://www.unicef.org/philippines/nationalsitan2018.pdf>

⁵ Philstar News Website, UNICEF: Philippines' immunization coverage decreasing,
<https://www.philstar.com/lifestyle/health-and-family/2018/04/30/1810905/unicef-philippines-immunization-coverage-decreasing>