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Introduced by SENATOR WIN GATCHALIAN

RESOLUTION
AMENDING SECTION 13 (6) RULE X OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

WHEREAS, The Rules of the Senate under Section 13 (6), Rule X (The Committees) provides the following duties, powers and general jurisdiction of the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture:

(6) Basic Education, Arts and Culture. – Fifteen (15) members. All matters directly and principally relating to early childhood care and education, pre-school, kindergarten, primary and secondary education, science high schools except the Philippine Science High School System, teachers and students welfare, teacher education and competency, non-formal, informal, indigenous learning systems, special education and community adult education; inclusive education, scholarships, grants, subsidies and incentives to deserving students; the national language establishment and maintenance of, libraries, museums, shrines, monuments, and other historical sites and edifices; training programs and cultural and artistic programs of international institutions and organizations operating in the Philippines, such as the UNESCO; and the preservation, enrichment and evolution of Filipino arts and culture.

WHEREAS, with the current state of basic education in the country recently being described as an education crisis, and corroborated by low National Achievement Test (NAT) scores, high percentage of frustrated readers and non-readers based on available Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI) results, the consistently low performance in successive global

standardized assessments measuring the different competencies of our learners under the 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), the 2019 Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM), and the 2019 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), there is an urgent need for the legislature to intensify its role in crafting policy recommendations and strategic solutions and initiating complementary and remedial legislation to avert such crisis and improve the quality of basic education;

WHEREAS, the current state of the basic education sector has likewise been exacerbated by the pandemic school closures which resulted in massive learning and long-term economic losses and created negative impact on the learners' socio-emotional and mental health, among others;

WHEREAS, the enactment on July 23, 2022 of Republic Act No. 11899, also known as "An Act Creating a Second Congressional Commission on Education to Review, Assess, and Evaluate the State of Philippine Education and Recommend Innovative and Targeted Policy Reforms in Education, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And for Other Purposes", requires more intensive and critical participation from the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture within the three-year duration of EDCOM II;

WHEREAS, in order for the Senate to perform its role in urgently reforming the basic education sector, while at the same time enabling it to promote culture and the arts and legislate to protect, preserve, present and promote the cultural, artistic, archaeological, social, historical, religious, and philosophical heritage of the Philippines and its people, in view of the richness of our legacies and of their relevance to contemporary and future aspirations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to amend Section 13 (6) of the Rules of the Senate by redefining and dividing the duties, powers and general jurisdiction of the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture into two committees, *viz.*:

Basic Education. – Fifteen (15) members. All matters directly and principally relating to early childhood care and education, pre-school, kindergarten, elementary and secondary education, science high schools except the Philippine Science High School System, sports high schools, teachers and students welfare, teacher education and competency, non-formal, informal, indigenous learning systems, special needs education and community adult education; inclusive education, scholarships, grants, subsidies and incentives to deserving students; the national language; and the establishment and maintenance of libraries.

Arts and Culture. – Nine (9) members. All matters relating to the establishment and maintenance of museums,

shrines, monuments, and other historical sites and edifices; initiatives in fostering artistic practices and innovations in a range of platforms for presentation; support for scholarship, curatorship, and dissemination of knowledge in arts and culture; training programs and cultural and artistic programs of international institutions and organizations operating in the Philippines, such as the UNESCO; and the preservation, enrichment and evolution of Filipino arts and culture, built and intangible, and in both traditional and contemporary forms.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption, and that the subsections of Section 13, Rule X of The Rules of the Senate be renumbered accordingly.



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