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SY-ALVARADO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2178

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ROBBERY, THEFT AND DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the “Public
2 School Security Act of 2009”.

3 SEC 2. *Definition.* -

4 (a) “School property” refers to all buildings, grounds and other
5 property, real or personal, which belong to a public school, whether the
6 property is acquired through public funds, loans, donations or lease

7 (b) “Public school” refers to all State-owned schools, colleges and
8 universities.

9 SEC. 3. *Theft or Robbery of School Property; Penalty.* - Any person
10 convicted of the crime of theft or robbery of any school property shall be

1 punished by the penalty next higher in degree than those imposable for such
2 offenses under Chapters One and Three of Title Ten of the Revised Penal Code:
3 *Provided*, That the penalty specified herein shall no longer be made applicable
4 if the imposable penalty is in its maximum period.

5 SEC. 4. *Destruction of School Property; Penalty.* – A public school
6 building shall be considered a building of public ownership devoted to the use
7 of the public in general under Article 320 of the Revised Penal Code. Any
8 person who shall burn a public school building shall be convicted of the crime
9 of destructive arson as defined in Article 320 of the Revised Penal Code

10 SEC. 5. *Special Case of Malicious Mischief; Penalty.* – Destruction to
11 school property not covered by the immediately preceding sections shall be
12 considered a special case of malicious mischief under Chapter Nine of Title
13 Ten of the Revised Penal Code. Any person who shall cause damage to school
14 property shall be punished with the penalty next higher in degree than those
15 imposable under Articles 328 and 329 of the Revised Penal Code.

16 SEC. 6. *Penalty for Public Officials* – If the person convicted of the
17 crimes referred to in this Act is a public official as defined in Republic Act No.
18 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and
19 Employees, the additional penalty of perpetual disqualification from public
20 office shall be imposed. Conviction of a public officer under this Act is without
21 prejudice to criminal prosecution and/or administrative proceedings under
22 applicable civil service laws and regulations, Republic Act No. 6713, and
23 Republic Act No. 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

24 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
25 regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are
26 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1 SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby
3 shall remain in force and effect.

4 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
5 following the completion of its publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in a
6 newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

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