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BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMULO, ANGARA-CASTILLO, PIAMONTE, UMALI (C.),
CORTUNA, CO AND BATOCABE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 47

AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND
TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE
SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY
FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY
CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS
PURPOSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*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 Campus
2 Safety and Security Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – It is the responsibility of the State
4 under the Constitution to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual,
5 intellectual, and social well-being of the youth. The State shall ensure the
6 safety and security of the academic community, majority of whom are students,
7 in all institutions of higher and technical education in the country.

8 SEC. 3. *Scope.* – This Act shall apply to all higher education
9 institutions (HEIs) and technical-vocational institutions (TVIs).

10 SEC. 4. *Safety and Security Services.* – All HEIs and TVIs shall
11 endeavor to deliver adequate safety and security services to students, which
12 include the provision of safe and secure environment and the conduct of

1 programs and activities that promote safety and security from both internal and
2 external threats.

3 For this purpose, the following shall be provided by HEIs and TVIs:

4 (a) A safe, accessible and secure environment, buildings and facilities
5 that shall comply with government standards. Licensed and competent security
6 personnel shall ensure the safety and security of the students, faculty,
7 nonteaching personnel and other members of the academic community and
8 their belongings; and

9 (b) An established mechanism for students to help in crime prevention,
10 safety and security of the concerned HEI and TVI.

11 SEC. 5. *Creation of a Crime Prevention Committee.* – A Crime
12 Prevention Committee (CPC) shall be established in every HEI and TVI to
13 formulate policies and strategies that shall help protect the academic
14 community from both internal and external threats to their safety and security,
15 such as theft, robbery, rape and other forms of violence within and outside the
16 area where the HEI or TVI is located. The composition of the CPC shall be
17 determined by the respective governing boards of the HEIs and TVIs.

18 SEC. 6. *Duties and Responsibilities of the CPC.* – The CPC shall have
19 the following duties and responsibilities:

20 (a) To formulate, in consultation with the school head, the chief of
21 police where the college or university is located, the punong barangay, and
22 other security specialists as they deem fit, a Crime Prevention Strategy. Such
23 Crime Prevention Strategy shall include, but shall not be limited to, the
24 following:

25 (1) A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and
26 facilities to be used by students and others to report criminal actions or other
27 emergencies occurring on campus and those concerning the institution's
28 response to such reports;

1 (2) A statement of current policies concerning security and access to
2 campus facilities, including campus residences, and security considerations
3 used in the maintenance of campus facilities;

4 (3) A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement
5 including, but not limited to:

6 (i) The enforcement authority of security personnel, including their
7 working relationship with national and local police agencies; and

8 (ii) Policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all
9 crimes to the campus police and the appropriate police agencies;

10 (4) A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to
11 inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices
12 and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own
13 security and the security of others;

14 (5) A description of programs designed to inform students and
15 employees about the prevention of crimes;

16 (6) A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recording
17 through local police agencies of criminal activities committed by off-campus
18 student organizations which are recognized by the institution and which count,
19 among its members, the students attending the institution, including those
20 student organizations with off-campus housing facilities; and

21 (7) A statement of policy regarding the possession, use and sale of
22 alcoholic beverages and the enforcement of laws against underage drinking; a
23 statement of policy against the possession, use and sale of illegal drugs; the
24 enforcement of drug laws; and a description of any drug or alcohol abuse
25 education programs;

26 (b) To formulate crime prevention programs for the implementation of
27 the CPC;

1 (c) To coordinate with college/school principals or deans, as the
2 case may be, in the maintenance of peace and order within the
3 school/college/university premises;

4 (d) To recommend to the school/college/university the conduct
5 of seminars or trainings on crime and drug prevention and control in
6 coordination with the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) regional
7 office, local police station or the Department of the Interior and Local
8 Government (DILG) – Patrol 117;

9 (e) To conduct intensive information drive on the Crime Prevention
10 Strategy which includes semestral distribution of copies and orientation
11 thereon; and

12 (f) To submit to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or to
13 the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), through
14 their respective regional offices, the composition of the CPC and the Crime
15 Prevention Strategy, as well as its program of activities and projects for the
16 academic year two (2) months after the closing of enrolment in the first
17 semester and the accomplishment report within two (2) months after finishing
18 the second semester or trimester of the academic year.

19 *SEC. 7. Approval and Review of the Crime Prevention Strategy.* –
20 The Crime Prevention Strategy, after approval of the Board of
21 Trustees/Regents, shall be submitted to the CHED or TESDA and shall be
22 subject to its review. If found unsatisfactory by the CHED or TESDA, taking
23 into consideration the circumstances of each college or university, it shall
24 be returned to the Board for appropriate action: *Provided,* That pending its
25 review, the plan shall be implemented by the college or university concerned.

26 The Crime Prevention Strategy shall be subject to review or
27 reassessment annually by the Board or as often as required by circumstances.

28 *SEC. 8. Duties of the CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA*
29 *Regional Offices.* – The CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional

1 Offices shall coordinate, supervise and monitor the implementation of the
2 Crime Prevention Strategy, as approved, and projects of CPCs, jointly with the
3 NAPOLCOM in the region.

4 The CHED and the TESDA shall consolidate regional reports for
5 submission to the Office of the CHED Chairperson and the Office of the
6 TESDA Director-General, respectively.

7 *SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90)
8 days upon the effectivity of this Act, the CHED and the TESDA, in
9 coordination with the Department of Education (DepED), the Philippine
10 Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), the Coordinating
11 Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), and the Association
12 of Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU), shall issue the necessary rules and
13 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

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

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

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

Approved,