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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Secondary
2 Schools Career Guidance and Counseling Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the role of the
4 youth in nation building and in the acceleration of social progress. In this
5 regard, the State shall ensure their total development by promoting relevant
6 education that shall generate a human resource responsive to the needs of the
7 government, the industry and the economy.

8 SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – This Act shall pursue the following objectives:

9 (a) To institutionalize a career guidance and counseling program for
10 students in all public and private secondary schools nationwide in order to
11 provide them proper direction in pursuing subsequent tertiary education;

1 (b) To give secondary education students the capability to make
2 educated career decisions and expose them to relevant labor markets; and

3 (c) To ensure that the resultant human resource of the tertiary
4 education meets the requirements of the government, the industry and the
5 economy.

6 SEC. 4. *Creation of a National Secondary Schools Career Guidance*
7 *and Counseling Program.* – There is hereby created a National Secondary
8 Schools Career Guidance and Counseling Program (NSSCGCP) to be
9 administered by the Department of Education (DepED). It shall be
10 implemented in all public and private secondary education institutions
11 beginning Grade 7 and shall be a prerequisite to senior high school graduation.

12 For this purpose, the DepED shall, in coordination with the Professional
13 Regulation Commission (PRC), an accredited professional organization on
14 guidance counseling, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical
15 Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Labor
16 and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), National
17 Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and Parent-Teacher
18 Associations (PTAs), formulate, develop and review a Career Guidance and
19 Counseling Instructional Module (CGCIM), which shall serve as the basic
20 instructional material to guide secondary students in pursuing tertiary
21 education based on their capacity and skills, accessible government tertiary
22 education, the relevant labor market, and the requirements and expectations of
23 the government, the industry and the economy.

24 SEC. 5. *NSSCGCP Centers.* – There shall be established a NSSCGCP
25 Center in all secondary schools, to be supervised by the school administrator
26 and assisted by a trained career and employment guidance counselor. The
27 Center shall function as a resource center for the implementation of the
28 NSSCGCP and shall be primarily responsible for counseling based on the

1 CGCIM: *Provided*, That in accordance with Section 9 of Republic Act No.
2 10533, otherwise known as the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013”, and
3 notwithstanding the provisions of Section 27 of Republic Act No. 9258,
4 otherwise known as the “Guidance and Counseling Act of 2004”, career and
5 employment guidance counselors who are not registered with the PRC shall
6 be allowed to conduct career advocacy activities to secondary level students of
7 the school where they are currently employed: *Provided, further*, That they
8 undergo a training program developed and accredited by the DepED.

9 SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall
10 immediately include in the Department’s program the implementation of this
11 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
12 Appropriations Act.

13 SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90)
14 days from the approval of this Act, the DepED shall, in consultation with the
15 PRC, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, DTI and NEDA, promulgate the necessary
16 rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

17 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
18 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
19 hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

20 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
21 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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