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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 SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE

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 declared responsibility of
4 the State to uphold and promote the right of the youth to assistance, including
5 proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect,
6 abuse, cruelty and exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their
7 development as provided under the Constitution. It is also hereby declared the
8 policy of the State to ensure access to quality education by ensuring the safety

1 and security of students in all institutions of higher learning and recognizing
2 the role of the youth in nation-building and in the development of the country.

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

5 SEC. 4. *Safety and Security Services.* – The HEIs and TVIs shall
6 endeavor to deliver safety and security services to students, which include the
7 provision of safe and secure environment and the conduct of programs and
8 activities that promote safety and security from both internal and external
9 threats.

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

11 (a) A safe, accessible and secure environment, buildings and facilities
12 that shall comply with government standards. Licensed and competent security
13 personnel shall ensure the safety and security of students and their belongings;
14 and

15 (b) A mechanism for students to help in crime prevention, safety and
16 security of the concerned HEI and TVI.

17 SEC. 5. *Creation of a Safety and Security Committee.* – A Safety and
18 Security Committee (SSC) shall be established in every HEI and TVI to
19 formulate policies and strategies that shall help protect the academic
20 community from both internal and external threats to their safety and security,
21 such as theft, robbery, rape and other forms of violence within and outside the
22 area where the HEI or TVI is located. The composition of the SSC shall be
23 determined by the governing boards of the HEIs, and the
24 owners/proprietors/administrators of TVIs, as the case may be.

25 SEC. 6. *Duties and Responsibilities of the SSC.* – The SSC shall have
26 the following duties and responsibilities:

27 (a) To formulate, in consultation with the school head, chief of police
28 where the HEI or TVI is located, the punong barangay, and other security

1 specialists as may be necessary and appropriate, a Safety and Security
2 Strategy. Such Safety and Security Strategy shall include the following:

3 (1) A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and
4 facilities for students and others to report criminal actions or other
5 emergencies occurring on campus and policies concerning the institution's
6 response to such reports;

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

10 (3) A statement of current policies concerning campus law
11 enforcement including the following:

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

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

16 (4) A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to
17 inform students and employees about campus security procedures and
18 practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their
19 own security and security of others;

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

22 (6) A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recording
23 through local police agencies of criminal activity at off-campus student
24 organizations which are recognized by the institution and that are engaged in
25 by students attending the institution, including those student organizations
26 with off-campus housing facilities; and

27 (7) A statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of
28 alcoholic beverages and enforcement of underage drinking laws and a
29 statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of illegal drugs and

1 enforcement of drug laws and a description of any drug or alcohol abuse
2 education program;

3 (b) To formulate crime prevention programs for the implementation of
4 the SSC;

5 (c) To coordinate with HEI/TVI administrators, deans, or other
6 officials as the case may be, in the maintenance of peace and order within the
7 HEI/TVI premises;

8 (d) To recommend to the HEI/TVI the conduct of seminars or trainings
9 on crime and drug prevention and control in coordination with the National
10 Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) regional office, local police station or
11 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);

12 (e) To conduct intensive information drive on the Safety and Security
13 Strategy which includes the semestral distribution of copies and orientation
14 thereon; and

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

22 *SEC. 7. Approval and Review of the Safety and Security Strategy. –*
23 The Safety and Security Strategy, after approval by the Board of
24 Trustees/Regents of the HEIs or the owners/proprietors/administrators of the
25 TVIs, shall be submitted to the CHED or to the TESDA and shall be subject to
26 its review. If found unsatisfactory by the CHED or the TESDA, taking into
27 consideration the circumstances of each HEI or TVI, it shall be returned to the
28 Board or the owners/proprietors/administrators for appropriate action:

1 *Provided*, That pending its review, the Plan shall be implemented by the HEI
2 or TVI concerned.

3 The Safety and Security Strategy shall be subject to review or
4 reassessment by the Board or the owners/proprietors/administrators as the case
5 may be, either annually or as often as required by the circumstances.

6 SEC. 8. *Duties of the CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional*
7 *Offices.* – The CHED Regional Offices and the TESDA Regional Offices
8 shall coordinate, supervise and monitor the implementation of the Safety and
9 Security Strategy, as approved, and the projects of SSCs, jointly with the
10 NAPOLCOM in the region.

11 The CHED and the TESDA shall consolidate regional accomplishment
12 reports as required under Section 6 hereof, and shall submit them to the Office
13 of the CHED Chairperson and the Office of the TESDA Director General,
14 respectively.

15 SEC. 9. *Administrative Sanctions.* – Any HEI or its Board of Trustees
16 or Regents or any TVI or its owners/proprietors/administrators, and other
17 officers/persons responsible for the failure to comply with the provisions of
18 this Act shall be subject to administrative sanctions to be imposed by the
19 CHED and the TESDA, respectively.

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

27 SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is
28 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not
29 otherwise affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

1 SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, decrees,
2 instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any
3 provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

4 SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
5 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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