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H. No. 7927

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AN ACT INTEGRATING LABOR EDUCATION INTO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Labor Education Act".

SEC. 2. It is the policy of the State to protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare, living and working conditions, and terms of employment. Towards this end, the State shall put in place a mechanism to educate the youth on the rights and welfare of the workers and promote a society that is responsive and sensitive to the needs of the labor sector.

SEC. 3. As used in this Act:

- (a) Higher education curriculum refers to the general education curriculum designed for students taking up courses in higher education institutions leading to a degree;
- (b) Labor education refers to the teaching of labor rights, workers' welfare and benefits, core labor standards, labor laws and regulations, the national and global labor situation, labor market concerns, labor issues, overseas work and related problems, the nature of human labor, the role of labor in the self-realization of the human being, the foundations of the dignity of labor and other topics related to labor and employment; and
- (c) Social Science subjects refer to subjects pertaining to the branches of science that deal with the institutions, functioning and aspects of human society and the interpersonal relationships of individuals as members of society.
- SEC. 4. Labor education shall be integrated into the mandatory social science subjects being offered under the general education curriculum in the higher education courses.
- The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", shall develop the program to execute and implement this Act.
- SEC. 5. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions.
- SEC. 6. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

1 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after 2 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any national newspaper 3 of general circulation.

Approved,