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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 13, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being.

The internet links and connects millions of people's computers together globally. It is a massive networking infrastructure that forms a linkage wherein computers can communicate with each other provided that it is connected to the internet.

The internet can enrich lives, provide information, entertainment, social networking, and connections to people all over the world. However, the internet can be a cause of problems when people use it to do unscrupulous acts like cybersex, pornography, gambling, cyber bullying and among others. Students may develop a habit of overusing the internet consequently interfering with their ability to keep up with school, relationships, and may have a negative effect on their mood.

This bill seeks to establish a comprehensive program that will require a mandatory internet safety education for all students in order to prevent the problems arising from the misuse of the internet and other new media by guiding students to properly use the internet.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*Internet Safety
Education Act.*"

SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* - For the purposes of this Act, the terms:

(a) "*DepEd*" means Department of Education.

(b) "*Internet Safety Education Program*" means an ageappropriate, research-
based program that encourages safe, ethical, and responsible use of the
internet, promotes an informed, critical understanding of the internet, and
educates children and communities about how to prevent or respond to
problems or dangers related to the internet or new media.

(c) "*New Media*"

1. means emerging digital, computerized, or network informed and
communication technologies that often have interactive capacities; and

2. includes e-mail, instant messaging, text messaging, 17 web sites, blogs,
interactive gaming, social media, cellphones, and mobile devices.

(d) "*Secretary*" means the Secretary of the Department of Education.

1 SEC. 3. *Implementing Agency and its Duties.* -
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3 (a) The DepEd shall:
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- 5 1. identify, develop, and implement an Internet Safety Education Program,
6 including educational technology, multimedia and interactive
7 applications, online resources, and lesson plans;
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9 2. provide professional training to elementary and secondary teachers,
10 administrators, and other staff on internet safety and New Media
11 literacy;
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13 3. develop online risk prevention programs for children;
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15 4. train and support peer-driven internet safety education initiatives;
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17 5. coordinate and fund research initiatives that investigate online risks to
18 children and Internet safety education;
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20 6. develop and implement public education campaigns to promote
21 awareness of online risks to children and internet safety education;
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23 7. educate parents about teaching their children to use the internet and
24 new media safely, responsibly, and ethically and help parents identify
25 and protect their children from risks relating to use of the internet and
26 New Media; and
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- 28 (b) The Secretary shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
29 promulgate rules and regulations, including those of disciplinary nature,
30 to carry out and enforce the provisions of this Act.
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32 SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount
33 as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National
34 Treasury. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continuous operation of this
35 program shall be included in the annual appropriations of the DepEd.
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37 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or section of this Act is held invalid
38 or unconstitutional, the other provisions and sections not affected thereby shall remain
39 in full force and effect.
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41 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, or
42 issuances, or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
43 are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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45 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
46 publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,