A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE
PRODUCTION, USAGE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF OBSCENE AND
PROVOCATIVE WORDS IN A VIRAL PRINTED SELF-LEARNING MODULE
FROM A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN ZAMBALES

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines
declares it a policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all
citizens to quality education at all levels;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-
building and promotes and protects their physical, moral, spiritual,
intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, the State also recognizes the fundamental role of all
educational institutions in strengthening ethical and spiritual values,
developing moral character and personal discipline, among others.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11476 or the Good Manners and Right
Conduct (GMRC) and Values Education Act institutionalizes GMRC and
Values Education in the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum in order to
promote certain and particular universally accepted basic social values and
etiquette and/or proper modes of behavior that convey respect to those
whom one interacts with;

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2020, a viral photo of a module page
with provocative terms made rounds on social media and news outlets
indicating that a private Catholic school has allowed the usage and
distribution of such materials to its students who are minors;
WHEREAS, on September 25, 2020, the Department of Education (DepEd) has released an official statement clarifying that the certain viral photo of a module page with provocative terms was not created by DepEd, but by a private Catholic school in Zambales;

WHEREAS, the DepEd on the said official statement, vowed to continue to investigate the matter and exhaust legal remedies to ensure that school learning materials, in public and private schools, foster quality education and the best interest of children;

WHEREAS, the production, usage, and distribution of such obscene and provocative words in learning materials undermine the quality education and welfare of Filipino students;

WHEREAS, we support the Department of Education in its continuous efforts to make learning resources in schools undergo quality assurance and maintain the quality of education for all;

WHEREAS, it is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to investigate all matters directly and principally relating to pre-school, elementary, and secondary education, as well as teachers’ and students’ welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, that the Committee on Basic Education and Culture be directed to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the production, usage, and distribution, of obscene and provocative words in a viral printed self-learning module from a private school in Zambales.

Adopted,

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