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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The current K to 12 program provides two (2) years of Senior High School [SHS] to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills to be lifelong learners and prepare graduates for tertiary education, middle-level skills development, employment, and entrepreneurship.

This bill seeks to establish and promote agriculture as a viable alternative for SHS students who may be inclined to pursue the industry in the next stages of their career. Aligned with the State policy to sustain and provide support to the agricultural industry through the provision of appropriate technology and research; adequate financial, production, marketing and other support services; and comprehensive education and training to agriculturalists, their families, and other interested individuals to enable them to utilize resources to their full potential and enable them to participate in the planning, organization and management of the programs affecting them. This also provides the country with a sustained supply of individuals who can continue managing and developing our agricultural industry.

In the long run, this bill indirectly addresses the challenges in food security for the country through its Senior High Schools students trained under the agricultural strand.

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



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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013, FOR THE INTEGRATION OF AN
AGRICULTURAL STRAND IN THE ACADEMIC TRACK OF THE SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the “*Senior High School
Agricultural Strand Act.*”

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State to sustain and provide support to the agricultural industry through the provision of appropriate technology and research; adequate financial, production, marketing and other support services; and comprehensive education and training to agriculturalists, their families, and other interested individuals to enable them to utilize resources to their full potential and enable them to participate in the planning, organization and management of the programs affecting them.

It is the policy of the state to ensure food security for the country through the modernization of agricultural systems, the creation and improvement of agricultural educational institutions as well as the encouragement of the youth to engage, sustain and develop the agricultural industry.

Section 3. Definition of Terms - For purposes of this Act:

- (a) *Agricultural Strand* - refers to the basic course subjects in the field of agriculture.
- (b) *Academic Track* - refers to one of the fields in the curricula of Senior High School level preparatory to earning a degree in college.

Section 4. *Amendment.* - Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 6. Curriculum Consultative Committee. — There shall be created a curriculum consultative committee chaired by the DepEd Secretary or his/her duly authorized representative and with members composed of, but not limited to, a representative each from the CHED, the TESDA, the DOLE, **the Department of Agriculture**, the PRC, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and a representative from the business chambers such as the Information Technology - Business Process Outsourcing (IT-BPO) industry association. The consultative committee shall oversee the review and evaluation on the implementation of the basic education curriculum and may recommend to the DepEd the formulation of necessary refinements in the curriculum.

The Department and the Committee shall give priority to agriculture in the development and review of the curriculum. To this end, there shall be an Agricultural Strand integrated under the Academic Track in the curricula of the Senior High School in all educational institutions. Future amendments of the curricula must include an agricultural strand.”

Section 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within ninety (90) days from the date of effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education (DepEd) shall formulate and design the agricultural strand subjects, modules, and other necessary details to implement this act.

Section 6. *Appropriations.* — The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be appropriated from the budget of the DepEd. Subsequently, the appropriations shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 7. *Separability Clause.* — If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* — All other laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules, and regulations inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,