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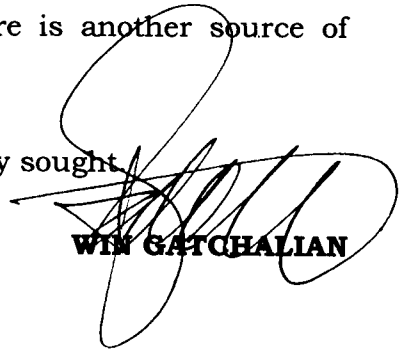
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AN ACT
MANDATING THE AUTOMATION OF A NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DATABASE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Art. XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution, "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all". To this end, we seek the enactment of a law that will mandate the creation of a National Public School Database. The primary purpose of this Act is to promote easier access to education for the public by streamlining the enrolment process. The National Public School Database will therefore make the administrative tasks of the teachers more efficient.

The National Public School Database also serves as a layer of protection for the safe-keeping of student records. Creating a database would provide a storage mechanism for the school records of the students. Documents are prone to getting lost and deterioration due to human error, flood, fire, and other natural disasters. Storing student records in a database ensures that there is another source of information in case the documents get lost or destroyed.

Support for the passage of this legislation is earnestly sought.

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

3   SECTION 1. **Short Title**. – This Act shall be known as the *"Public School*
4 *Database Act of 2016"*.

5   SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy**. – It is the policy of the State to establish and
6 maintain a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the
7 goals of national development. Toward this end, the government shall ensure the
8 promotion of efficient access to both elementary and secondary education for the
9 public.

10   SEC. 3. **Coverage**. – This Act shall apply to public schools in both primary
11 and secondary levels of the educational system.

12   SEC. 4. **National Public School Database**. – The Department of Education
13 (DepEd) is hereby mandated to develop, operate, and maintain a National Public

School Database that contains student information, including, but not limited to the following:

    1. School Grades

    2. Personal Data

    3. Good Moral Record

    4. Improvement Tracking;

SEC. 5. **Database Access.** – School administrators shall be given access to the National Public School Database containing student records and other student-specific data, such as exam scores, grade levels, attendance, and immunization records, for the following purpose:

a) Recording biographical data for all students;

b) Handling admissions and discharges; and

c) Transferring to other schools.

SEC. 6. **Database Information Program.** – The DepEd shall formulate a Database Information Program to train educational professionals in the development and maintenance of the information in the National Public School Database.   SEC. 7. **Illegal Use of the Database.** – No person shall use, access, or utilize the National Public School Database except for the reasons mentioned in Sec. 5 of this Act.

SEC. 8. **Penalties.** – Any person caught illegally altering, falsifying, or misusing student information in the National Public School Databbase shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of not less than six months to not more than one year or a fine of not less than P10,000 to not more than P50,000 or both at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

1   SEC. 10. **Separability Clause**. – Should any part of this Act be declared
2 unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions of this Act shall continue to be in effect
3 and subsisting.

4   SEC. 11. **Repealing Clause**. – The provisions of other laws, decrees,
5 executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby
6 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

7   SEC. 12. **Effectivity**. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in the *Official Gazette* and/or in at least two (2) national newspapers in
9 general circulation.

     Approved,