

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL No. 1023

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Introduced by GABRIELA Women's Party List  
Representative Liza Largoza-Maza

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Aside from home, the school is still the best place where young people can know, learn and begin to protect and promote their rights and rights of others.

Data from national and international women's organizations as well as the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippine National Police and other agencies indicate that children are the usual rape victims and many of these victims are schoolchildren.

The school should therefore provide the venue where young people can start the systematic, formal and critical education on women's and girls' rights, welfare, development and gender equality.

All levels of public and private education including technical and vocations schools should integrate in their curriculum women's and girls' rights and welfare, gender fairness and equality, Republic Act No. 7877 or the "Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995" and Republic Act No. 9208 or the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003."

The approval of this bill is earnestly and urgently sought.

  
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AN ACT  
INTEGRATING EDUCATION ON WOMEN, GIRLS AND GENDER RIGHTS,  
EQUALITY AND WELFARE IN ALL LEVELS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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

**SECTION 1. Title.** — This Act shall be known as the "Women, Girls and Gender Education Act of 2003."

**SECTION 2. Women, Girls and Gender Education.** — All levels of public and private educational institutions, including computer, technical and vocational schools are required to integrate in their curriculum women's and girls' rights, welfare, development and gender equality, Republic Act No. 7877 or the "Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995" and Republic Act No. 9208 or the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003."

**SECTION 3. Formulation of a Women and Gender Education Curriculum.** — The Department of Education with the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women in consultation with women's organizations, centers and institutes on women studies shall formulate, within thirty (30) days upon the effectivity of this Act, a women and gender education curriculum, necessary to implement this Act.

**SECTION 4. Appropriation.** — Expenses for the implementation of this Act shall be funded from the General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 5. Repealing Clause.** — All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuance or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6. Separability Clause.** — If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act, is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation which ever comes earlier.

Approved,