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Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Bacolod

Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 355

December 30, 2003

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN BACOLOD CITY BOTH IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS TO INTEGRATE THE INSTRUCTION ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL AS PART OF THEIR SCHOOL CURRICULA.

WHEREAS, the newly organized Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) revealed that one out of every 42 Filipinos are drug addicts;

WHEREAS, based on the commissioned nationwide survey by PDEA, Thirteen (13) Percent of our youth within the 21 years old and below age bracket have tried prohibited drugs;

WHEREAS, the Dangerous Drug Board estimates that the number of drug dependents have drastically increased from 25,000 in 1972 to 1.0 Million in year 2000;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency report also indicated that 50 percent of the heinous crimes committed nationwide are drug-related;

WHEREAS, most of these gruesome and heinous crimes committed are perpetrated by youthful offenders who are either hooked or dependent on dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, the problem on dangerous drugs, if it continues to persist and unabated seriously threatens the very existence of the society itself;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a well meaning and massive information drive be implemented especially in schools to educate our people especially our children at the very early stage to inform them of the menace and adverse effects of drug abuse;

WHEREAS, Section 43 of R. A. 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002) expressly mandates that the instruction on drug abuse prevention and control shall be integrated in the elementary, secondary and tertiary curricula of all public and private schools;

WHEREAS, although some schools are claiming to have already integrated the subject on Drug Abuse, Prevention and Control in their curricula, however, it has been observed that the teaching was done only in passing and not given much importance and focus;

WHEREAS, considering the far-reaching effect that this problem carries, there is a need for an Ordinance to require all schools covered to give more importance, emphasis, priority and focus on the instruction on drug abuse, prevention and control on their students to inculcate in their minds the hazard and evil effects of substance abuse;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the provisions of R. A. No. 9165, also known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002";

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in session assembled, that:

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as an "Ordinance requiring public and private schools in Bacolod City both in elementary and secondary levels to integrate the instruction on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control as part of their school curricula."

SECTION 2. INSTRUCTION ON DANGEROUS DRUGS AS PART OF SCHOOL CURRICULA

Instruction on the adverse effects of dangerous and illegal drugs, including their legal, social and economic implications, drug abuse prevention and control shall be integrated into the existing curricula of all public and private schools, both in elementary and secondary levels. Such instructions shall include:

1. Adverse effects of the abuse and misuse of dangerous drugs on the person, the family, the school and the community;
2. Preventive measures against drug abuse;
3. Health, socio-cultural, psychological, legal and economic dimensions and implications of the drug problem;
4. Steps to take when intervention on behalf of a drug dependent is needed, as well as the services available for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependents; and
5. Misconceptions about the use of dangerous drugs such as, but not limited to, the importance and safety of dangerous drugs for medical and therapeutic use as well as the differentiation between medical patients and drug dependents in order to avoid confusion and accidental stigmatization in the consciousness of the students.

SECTION 3. DANGEROUS DRUGS

Dangerous Drugs as herein used shall refer to those enumerated and defined under R. A. No. 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002).

SECTION 4. PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAM

The Department of Education (DEP-ED) in Bacolod City, shall prepare a program for the integration into the Schools Curricula the required subject on Dangerous and Illegal Drugs for the implementation of all public schools in Elementary and Secondary Schools in Bacolod City.

In the case of private schools, they shall prepare their own drugs awareness program, provided, the requirement as set forth in Section 6 hereof is strictly complied with.

SECTION 5. SCOPE OF COVERAGE

This ordinance shall apply only to all public and private elementary and secondary schools operating within Bacolod city.

The teaching of the subject shall commence from Grade Four (4) to Grade Six (6) or Grade Seven (7), as the case maybe, upon all Elementary Schools in Bacolod City. In the Secondary Level, the same shall be taught from First Year to Fourth Year.

SECTION 6. SUBMISSION OF THE PROGRAM TO CADAC

All private schools and the Department of Education (DEP-ED) shall submit their Drug Awareness Program to the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council for monitoring purposes at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of every school year.

However, at anytime during every school year, the CADAC may conduct inspection on the different schools to monitor compliance of their submitted Drug Awareness Program.

SECTION 7. ASSISTANCE TO THE SCHOOLS

The CADAC shall give assistance to the schools by providing trainings, workshops and seminars to the teachers concerned. Subject to the availability of funds, the CADAC may also provide relevant reading materials to the schools to be used in the implementation of the program.

SECTION 8. FUNDING

The City Mayor thru the City Anti Drug Abuse Council (CADAC) shall allocate Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) to be incorporated in the Annual Budget for the implementation of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall be implemented effective School Year 2004-2005, provided, the schools are required to submit their Drug Awareness program to CADAC at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of classes for school year 2004-2005.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

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Negative:

None.

Absent:

None.

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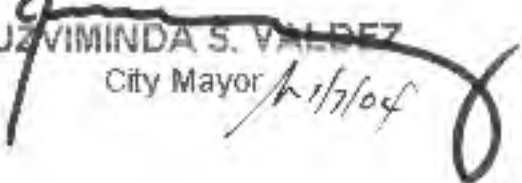

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