

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11206, February 14, 2019]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 "Secondary School Career Guidance and Counseling Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — The State recognizes the role of the youth in nation building and in the acceleration of social progress. In this regard, the State shall ensure their total development by promoting relevant education that shall generate human resources that shall be responsive to the needs of the government, industry, and the economy.

SEC. 3. *Objectives.* - This Act shall pursue the following objectives:

(a) To institutionalize a career guidance and counseling program for students in all public and private secondary schools nationwide in order to provide them proper direction in pursuing subsequent tertiary education;

(b) To equip secondary education students with the capability to make educated career decisions and expose them to relevant labor markets; and

(c) To ensure graduates of tertiary education meet the requirements of the government, industry, and the economy.

SEC. 4. *Creation of a National Secondary School Career Guidance and Counseling Program.* - There is hereby created a National Secondary Schools Career Guidance and Counseling Program (CGCP) to be administered by the Department of Education (DepED). It shall be implemented in all public and private secondary education institutions and shall commence at the Grade 7 level. It shall be a prerequisite to senior high school graduation.

For this purpose, the DepED shall, in coordination with the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), accredited professional organizations on guidance counseling, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs), formulate, develop and review a Career Guidance and Counseling Instructional Module (CGCIM), which shall serve as the basic instructional material to guide secondary students in their pursuit of meaningful and rewarding tertiary education based on their capacity and skills, the accessibility of public tertiary education institutions, the labor market, and the requirements and expectations of the government, industry, and the economy.