

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7079, July 05, 1991]

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION
OF CAMPUS JOURNALISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known and referred to as the "Campus Journalism Act of 1991."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State to uphold and protect the freedom of the press even at the campus level and to promote the development and growth of campus journalism as a means of strengthening ethical values, encouraging critical and creative thinking, and developing moral character and personal discipline of the Filipino youth. In furtherance of this policy, the State shall undertake various programs and projects aimed at improving the journalistic skills of students concerned and promoting responsible and free journalism.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* -

- a. *School.* - An institution for learning in the elementary, secondary or tertiary level comprised of the studentry, administration, faculty and non-faculty personnel;
- b. *Student Publication.* - The issue of any printed material that is independently published by, and which meets the needs and interests of, the studentry;
- c. *Student Journalist.* - Any *bona fide* student enrolled for the current semester or term, who has passed or met the qualification and standards of the editorial board. He must likewise maintain a satisfactory academic standing.
- d. *Editorial Board.* - In the tertiary level, the editorial board shall be composed of student journalists who have qualified in placement examinations. In the case of elementary and high school levels, the editorial board shall be composed of a duly appointed faculty adviser, the editor who qualified and a representative of the Parents-Teachers' Association, who will determine the editorial policies to be implemented by the editor and staff members of the student publication concerned.

At the tertiary level, the editorial board may include a publication adviser at the option of its members.

- e. *Editorial Policies.* - A set of guidelines by which a student publication is operated and managed, taking into account pertinent laws as well as the school administration's policies. Said guidelines shall determine the frequency of publication, the manner of selecting articles and features and other similar matters.