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TO: The Sanguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte

THRU: **FLORINDA JILL S UYVICO**  
**SP Secretary**

Dear Ma'am:

Respectfully writing to formally request the inclusion of a review concerning proposed revision/ amendment to the Provincial Ordinance No. 2017-01 Series 2017, otherwise known as the "The Revised Leyte Children's Welfare Code of 2017".

This office in coordination with the **Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC)** has deliberated on the need to incorporate new and update laws, rules and regulations to "The Revised Leyte Children's Welfare Code of 2017". The Summary of proposed amendment/revisions are hereto attached as Annex A and series.

We request that this review be scheduled at your earliest convenience. Please let us know if you require any further information or clarification.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
**VIVIAN L. CLAROS**  
PSWDO

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5	5 (D)	<b>D. Children</b> - refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age and those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and/or discrimination because of physical or mental disability or condition;	<b>D. Child/Children</b> - refers to a person below eighteen (18) years xxx
6	-	none	New term and definition is added after <b>Children's Assembly and be term letter "G"</b> :  <i>G. Child Participation – is the right of all children to be listened to, to freely express their views on all matters that affect them, and to freely express themselves and their thoughts, to associate with others, and to access information.</i>
6	5 (G)	G. Child at Risk	<i>Label should be adjusted to "H" due to additional term suggested.</i>
6	5 (H)	H. Child Care and Developments Workers	<i>Label should be adjusted to "I" due to additional term suggested.</i>
7	5 (I)	I. Child Exploitation	<i>Label should be adjusted to "J" due to additional term suggested.</i>
7	5 (J)	J. Child-Friendly-Space	<i>Label should be adjusted to "K" due to additional term suggested.</i>
7	5 (K)	K. Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL)	<i>Label should be adjusted to "L" due to additional term suggested.</i>
8	-	none	New term and definition is added after <b>O. Child-Friendly Municipality and be labeled as "P"</b> :  <i>P. Child Labor – refers to the employment of children under 15 years old which is prohibited under the direct supervision of parents and under certain requirements and in non-hazardous occupation, pursuant to Sec 12 of R.A. 7658 " An act prohibiting the employment of children below 15 years of age in public and private undertakings.</i>
8	5 (P)	Q. Child Protection Unit	<i>Label should be adjusted to "Q" due to additional term suggested.</i>
8	-	none	New definition of term is added after <b>Child Protection Unit and be labeled as "R"</b> :

			<i>R. Child Trafficking – any person who shall engage in trading and dealing with children including, but not limited to, the act of buying and selling of a child for money or any other consideration, or barter;</i>
8	5 (Q)	Q. Corporal Punishment	<i>Label should be adjusted to “S” due to additional term suggested.</i>
10	5 (R)	R. Development Rights	<i>Label should be adjusted to “T” due to additional term suggested.</i>
10	5 (S)	S. Differently-Able Children/ <i>Special Children</i> or Children with Special Needs	<i>Label should be adjusted to “U” due to additional term suggested.</i>  <i>Suggests to remove term “Special Children”</i>  <i>S. Differently-Able Children or Children with Special Needs</i>
10	5 (T)	T. Deprivation of Liberty	<i>Label should be adjusted to “V” due to additional term suggested.</i>
10	5 (U)	U. Diversion	<i>Label should be adjusted to “W” due to additional term suggested.</i>
10	5 (V)	V. Diversion Program	<i>Label should be adjusted to “X” due to additional term suggested.</i>
10	5 (W)	W. Exploitative Benefit Dance	<i>Label should be adjusted to “Y” due to additional term suggested.</i>
10	5 (X)	X. Juvenile Justice	<i>Label should be adjusted to “Z” due to additional term suggested.</i>
10	5 (Y)	Y. Juvenile Justice System	<i>Label should be adjusted to “AA” due to additional term suggested.</i>
11	5 (Z)	Z. Intervention	<i>Label should be adjusted to “AB” due to additional term suggested.</i>
12	-	none	New acronym defined and to be added after “intervention” in the definition of terms and be labeled as “AC”  <i>AC. OSAEC/OSEC- Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children refers to the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as a means to abuse and/or exploit children sexually which includes cases in which offline child abuse and/or exploitation is combined with an online component.</i>
12	-	none	New acronym defined and to be added after “OSAEC/OSEC” in the definition of terms and be labeled as “AD”  <i>AD. CSAEM/CSAM – Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Material - refers to any representation, whether</i>

			<i>offline, or by, through with the use of ICT, by means of visual, video, audio, written, or any combination thereof by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic, or any other means.</i>
12	-	none	New acronym defined and to be added after "CSAEM/CSAM" in the definition of terms and be labeled as "AE"  <i>AE. Out-of-school youth/children – school age children who are dropped outs from school due to poverty and circumstances affecting the level of education.</i>
12	6 Registration of Child at Birth	<b>Section 6. Registration of Child at Birth.</b> A child has the right to a name, nationality, and all the rights inherent to a citizen. Since civil registration is a basic framework in establishing the fundamental right to determine civil status of every citizen, the parents shall cause the early birth registration of the child with the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of the municipality/city where the child is born. <i>To promote an effective and efficient timely registration of births and other vital events, the Province in coordination with the municipalities/cities, and barangays, shall implement the Barangay Civil Registration System (BCRS) pursuant to Republic Act No. 3753 or the Civil Registry Law.</i>	Section 6. Registration of Child at Birth: A child has the right to a name, nationality, and all the rights inherent to a citizen. Since civil registration is a basic framework in establishing the fundamental right to determine civil status of every citizen, the parents shall cause the early birth registration of the child with the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of the municipality/city where the child is born. To promote an effective and efficient timely registration of births and other vital events, the Province in coordination with the <u>Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)</u> municipalities/cities, and barangays, shall implement the Barangay Civil Registration System (BCRS) pursuant to Republic Act No. 3753 or the Civil Registry Law <u>Republic Act No. 11909, otherwise known as, "Permanent Validity of the Certificates of Live Birth, Death, and Marriage Act."</u>
12	Article II. 7 (A) (1)	<i>1. Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Program/Community Health Team (CHT)-xxx</i>	Additional Entry as "1.13"  <i>1.13 Infant and Young Child Feeding;</i>
13	Article II. 7 (A) (3)	<i>3. Micronutrient Supplementation Program (MSP) xxx</i>	Additional Entry as "3.8" and "3.9"  <i>3.8 Program on Immunization</i>  <i>3.9 Early Teenage Pregnancy</i>
15	9	9. Out of School Youth Program. xxx	Additional Entry as item "5"  <i>5. Re-organization of the DSWD Pagasa Youth Association or other related</i>

			<i>youth-oriented organization.</i>
16	10 (10)	xxx 10. <i>The LGUs shall allocate funds for the structuring of child development centers, supplies, learning facilities and materials.</i>	xxx <i>The LGUs shall allocate funds for the structuring of child development centers, <u>child-friendly schools</u>, supplies, learning facilities and materials.</i>  Additional Entry as item "4"  <i>11. The LGUS may established supervised neighborhood play (SNP) for out of school 3-4 yrs.</i>
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22	27	<b>Section 27. Establishment and Coverage of Cases Involving Children.</b> Media practitioners have the duty to maintain the highest ethical and professional standards in reporting and covering cases of children and should observe that in all publicity concerning children, the best interest of the children shall be the primordial and paramount concern. Media practitioners shall at all times adhere to the guidelines on responsible reporting and coverage of cases involving children.	<b>Section 27. Establishment and Coverage of Cases Involving Children.</b> Media practitioners have the duty to maintain the highest ethical and professional standards in reporting and covering cases of children and should observe that in all publicity concerning children, the best interest of the children shall be the primordial and paramount concern. Media practitioners shall at all times adhere to the guidelines on responsible reporting and coverage of cases involving children <i>pursuant to RA 10173, otherwise known as "Data Privacy Act of 2012".</i>
19	31	<b>Section 31. REGULATION ON CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC PORNOGRAPHY AND VIOLENCE:</b> All internet cafes shall keep their facilities transparent and/or open to view to deter customers especially children from accessing pornographic sites and violent online games. Operators who maintain enclosed and/or non-transparent cubicles or rooms shall be subjected to possible cancellation of business permits in addition to the penalty provided in Section 29 hereof. The Province in coordination with the City and Municipal Council for the Protection of Children shall conduct regular monitoring on the implementation of E-Pornography and other similar instances.  The LGU Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in coordination with DOLE and other relevant agencies shall create a monitoring mechanism on the number, nature of employment and status of employed children. Reports of which shall be submitted to the Local Chief Executive	Proposal to replace <b>Section 29</b> with Article VII as it refers to prohibition on corporal punishment and adding and adopting provisions from RA11930 (OSAEC and CSAEM).  Thus, Section 31 is proposed to be read as follows:  <b><i>Section 31. REGULATION ON CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC PORNOGRAPHY AND VIOLENCE, ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION (OSAEC/OSEC) AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIALS (CSAM).</i></b> <i>The following acts involving online or offline means or a combination of both shall be imposed and violations thereof may cause the suspension or cancellation of business permits, as deemed appropriate, in addition to the penalties provided under Article VII hereof and the existing laws, rules and</i>

		<p>so that appropriate interventions can be made when necessary.</p>	<p><u>regulations:</u></p> <p><i>a. All internet cafes shall keep their facilities transparent and/or open to view to deter customers especially children from accessing pornographic sites and violent online games. Operators shall not maintain enclosed and/or non-transparent cubicles or rooms in the establishment.</i></p> <p><i>b. ICT services, studios, film distributors and theaters, by themselves or in cooperation with other entities, to distribute any form of Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials.</i></p> <p><i>c. To offer, sell, distribute, advertise, promote, publish, transmit and broadcast, by any means, any form of CSAEM.</i></p> <p><i>d. To hire, employ, use, persuade, induce, extort, engage, or coerce a child to perform or participate in whatever way in the creation or production of any form of OSAEC and CSAEM.</i></p> <p><i>D. All other Unlawful or Prohibited Acts enumerated under Section 4 of R.A. REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11930 otherwise known as An Act Punishing Online Sexual Abuse Of Exploitation Of Children, Penalizing The Production, Distribution, Possession And Access Of Child Sexual Abuse Or Exploitation Materials.</i></p> <p><b>The Province in coordination with the and the City and Municipal Council for the Protection of Children shall conduct regular monitoring and implementation of <u>programs against commercial electronic pornography and violence, online sexual abuse or exploitation and child sexual abuse materials and other similar instances.</u></b></p> <p><b>The LGU Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in coordination with DOLE and other relevant agencies shall create a monitoring mechanism on the number, nature of employment and status of employed children. Reports</b></p>
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28	34	<b>Section 34. COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PROGRAM: xxx</b>	New Entry as item "l"  <i>I. Establishment of Assistance to Differently-Able Children or Children with Special Needs. The Provincial Government shall provide assistance to children with disabilities that need assistive devices for the mobility, improved hearing and vision shall be provided by the national agencies, LGU and other donor organizations. The LGU shall legislate policies for the provision of local subsidy for indigent persons with disability specially for children and shall appropriate funds to provide assistance to children with special needs.</i>
28	34 (l)	I. Data Gathering, Monitoring, and Reporting - xxx	<i>Label should be adjusted to "m" due to additional term suggested.</i>
31	<b>Article V Prohibited Acts Section 44</b>	Section 44. PROHIBITED ACTS. In addition to all acts defined and penalized under Republic Act No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Acts, as amended by Republic Act No. 9231); Republic Act No. 7658 ( An Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children below 15 years of age, amending Section 12 of R.A. 7610); Republic Act No. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Person's Act of 2003); Republic No. 9262 (Anti-Violence against Women and their Children Act of 2004); and other pertinent laws, the following acts shall likewise be prohibited and punishable.	Section 44. PROHIBITED ACTS. In addition to all acts defined and penalized under Republic Act No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Acts, as amended by Republic Act No. 9231); Republic Act No. 7658 ( An Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children below 15 years of age, amending Section 12 of R.A. 7610); Republic Act No. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Person's Act of 2003); Republic No. 9262 (Anti-Violence against Women and their Children Act of 2004); <i>Republic Act No. 11930 (An Act Punishing Online Sexual Abuse of Exploitation of Children, Penalizing the Production, Distribution, Possession and Access of Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials)</i> , and other pertinent laws, the following acts shall likewise be prohibited and punishable.
34	<b>45 After paragraph 9</b>	A Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created with technical personnel/representatives from the following offices:	<i>A Provincial Inter-agency Monitoring Task Force (IMTF) - Technical Working Group is hereby created with technical personnel/representatives from the following offices:</i>

36	45	<p>The Technical Working Group shall perform the following functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide technical and administrative support to the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children;</li> <li>2. Monitor implementation of plans and programs geared toward addressing children's rights and development;</li> <li>3. Perform other functions as may be directed.</li> </ol>	<p>The Technical Working Group shall perform the following functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide technical and administrative support to the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children;</li> <li>2. Monitor implementation of plans and programs geared toward addressing children's rights and development;</li> <li>3. <u>Retrieve and review documents from the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children;</u></li> <li>4. <u>Evaluate and assess the MCPC based on documents submitted;</u></li> <li>4. Perform other functions as may be directed.</li> </ol>
38	54	<p>For offense punishable under Presidential Decree No. 603 (Child and youth Welfare Code); and Republic Act No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children against Abuses, Exploitation and Discrimination Act as amended by Republic Act No. 9231); Republic Act No. 7658 (An Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children below 15 years of Age, amending Section 12 of R.A. No. 7610; Republic Act no. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003); Republic Act no. 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004); the Revised Penal Code or any other law as well as this code, the offended party and/or any party so authorized may file a complaint under the national law, and the penalty in such national law shall be imposed.</p>	<p>For offense punishable under Presidential Decree No. 603 (Child and youth Welfare Code); and Republic Act No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children against Abuses, Exploitation and Discrimination Act as amended by Republic Act No. 9231); Republic Act No. 7658 (An Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children below 15 years of Age, amending Section 12 of R.A. No. 7610; Republic Act No. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003); Republic Act no. 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004); <u>Republic Act No. 11930 (An Act Punishing Online Sexual Abuse of Exploitation of Children, Penalizing the Production, Distribution, Possession and Access of Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials)</u>, the Revised Penal Code or any other law as well as this Code, the offended party and/or any party so authorized may file a complaint under the national law, and the penalty in such national law shall be imposed.</p>
<i>Nothing follows</i>			