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House Bill No. 722

Introduced by REP. JUDY J. SYJUCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Any effort to modernize the education system must begin with its most vital component – its teachers.

With the present P10,000 monthly pay of public school teachers being drastically reduced after tax and other deductions, scores of teachers are forced to deal with loan sharks in order to tide their families over until the next pay check. Some are even obliged to take part-time jobs just to make ends meet to provide for their family's basic needs. Nowadays, a teacher's compensation is not proportionate to the heavy bulk of responsibility he/she has to carry as an educator.

It is hereby proposed that the salary grade for Teacher I be upgraded from SG 10 to SG 18 as prescribed under the Benchmark Position Schedule for Salary Grade Assignments for Other Positions, provided under Congress Joint Resolution No.1, series of 1994 as amended by Executive Order No. 219, series of 2000 and Republic Act No. 9137.

The Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, in coordination with the Department of Education, shall correspondingly adjust the salary grade levels of all public school teachers through the issuance of appropriate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

With the approval of this proposed measure, the monthly salary of Teacher I (SG 10) in the amount of P9,938.25 will be increased to P15,840.83. Thus, providing the means to cope up with the rising costs of living.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE

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

SECTION 1. *Salary Grade Assignment for Teachers.* – The salary grade for Teacher I shall be upgraded from SG 10 to SG 18 as prescribed under the Benchmark Position Schedule for Salary Grade Assignments for Other Positions, provided under Congress Joint Resolution No.1, series of 1994 as amended by Executive Order No. 219, series of 2000 and Republic Act No. 9137.

SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, in coordination with the Department of Education, shall correspondingly adjust the salary grade levels of all public school teachers through the issuance of appropriate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Transitory Provision.* – Nothing in this Act shall be construed to reduce any existing remuneration, allowances and benefits of any form or to prejudice the granting of additional allowances and benefits to public school teachers.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts of provisions thereof shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this law are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,