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HOUSE BILL NO. 3700

Introduced by Representative Faysah RPM Dumarpa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed legislation seeks the creation of the position of an education attaché who shall be the Department of Education's emissary to the different Philippine International Schools all over the world.

The protection afforded to Overseas Filipino Workers does not only focus on labor and legal concerns. It is a fact that most of these workers have families with them who need education, Filipino way. That is why there are existing International Philippine Schools catering to the children of OFWs. Thus, the state has the power to see to it that the education of these children will not suffer due to some factors deterring an efficient and effective delivery of quality education.

In 2002, this humble representation was invited to intercede in the squabble between two factions of officials of the International Philippine School in Jeddah. The said conflict hampered the smooth flow of the administration of said school, affecting the relationship between the parents, teachers and school officials. Even the education of young children was put into risk. Sadly, my intercession was not welcomed by those officials whom I recommended to be investigated on, claiming that I was a partisan mediator. Included in my executive summary regarding the problem in the International School was a recommendation for an appointment of an education attaché who shall oversee and supervise the operations of the Philippine International Schools in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. However, this was not given appropriate action up to now.

Considering the aforementioned, the passage of this Bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION ATTACHE OF THE
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. There shall hereby created the Office of Education Attache whose officer shall be appointed subject to the rules and regulations prescribed under R.A 7157, otherwise known as the Foreign Service Act

Section 2. The Education Attache must have distinguished himself in the field of education either in the public or private sector.

Sec. 3. The main duty of the Education Attache is to supervise and oversee International Schools managed and operated by Philippine Embassies and/or private institutions.

Section 4. In the performance of his duties, the attache must coordinate with the Undersecretary of the Department of Education for elementary education, secondary education, physical education and international education programs and centers.

Section 5. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,