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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Parents and teachers are both stakeholders in the education of our children. As a manifestation of their concern, we have witnessed the organizing of Parents-Teachers Associations both at the elementary and secondary levels of our schools nationwide.

No one will argue that over the years, they have shown the manner by which they can help government, more particularly the Department of Education, in achieving its goals for education. PTAs, as they are fondly called, have been instrumental in the construction, repair, and rehabilitation of school buildings in areas where it is most needed. They have also been providing assistance in the acquisition of school equipment and textbooks in other cases.

It is the aim of this bill to encourage more participation from PTAs and further institutionalize their role in the shaping of the minds of our children. It is only proper that we pick up from where they have started and bring their meaningful participation into a higher plane.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is urgently requested.


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**AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARENTS-TEACHERS
ASSOCIATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policies – Pursuant to the mandate of the Constitution that the Government shall support the natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character, it is hereby declared the objectives of this Act.

1. The right and duty of parents to organize themselves and form associations for the purpose of ventilating their ideas in relation to the proper and effective education of their children shall be encouraged;
2. Parents-teachers associations shall be strengthened and given necessary incentives in order to serve best the welfare and give utmost benefit to the children;
3. The Department of Education shall give due recognition, importance and support to parents-teachers associations as its partners in providing accessible and quality education.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms – As used in this Act:

1. Parents-teachers association – shall mean an organization composed of teachers, parents and/or guardians of school children in the primary and secondary levels established for the purpose of ensuring the welfare of the school children and students. Existing Parents-Teachers Associations and Parents-Teachers-Community Associations with the same purpose and membership but under different names shall be considered under this Act as parents-teachers associations.
2. Schools – shall refer to both public and private, elementary and secondary, sectarian and non-sectarian educational institutions
3. City – shall refer to both chartered and non-chartered cities

SECTION 3. Coverage – This Act shall cover a network of parents-teachers associations established on a per school basis, organized at the barangay, municipal, city,

provincial and regional levels. As such, parents-teachers associations at all levels within a barangay, municipality or city may form a Municipal or City Parents-Teachers Association, and all Municipal and City Parents-Teachers Associations within a province may form a Provincial Parents-Teachers Association also the same as to Regional Parents-Teachers Associations and the national Parents-Teachers Council. Establishment of these associations shall enable the parents and teachers to perform their role effectively for the benefit and welfare of the school children.

SECTION 4. Formation and Support of Parents-Teachers Associations – School authorities shall encourage, support and cooperate in the organization of parents-teachers associations.

Furthermore, barangay, municipal, city, provincial, regional and national officials shall provide the necessary assistance and support to parents-teachers associations especially in the implementation of their school-based activities and projects.

SECTION 5. Incentives – To encourage parents-teachers associations and enable them to function productively and efficiently, they shall be accorded the following:

1. **Participation in Local Government Council Meetings and School Advisory Boards** - There shall be an automatic parents-teachers association representative member to the Committee on Education or its equivalent of the Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as well as to the advisory body of each school, to be elected from among the President members of the barangay, municipal, city and provincial parents-teachers associations, respectively.
2. **Exemption from Taxes** – All contributions, gifts, donations bequests by members of parents-teachers associations in favor of duly approved projects that are part of the school plans shall be exempted from taxes.
3. **Accreditation Requirement** – The existence of a dynamic and effective parents-teachers association in a school shall be required by qualified accrediting agencies like the Securities and Exchange Commission as an evaluative criterion for the accreditation of the association in the school should they decide to enter into income generating activities as may be required by law.

SECTION 6. National Parents-Teachers Council – To establish an effective and appropriate body for an effective and continuing coordination between the Department of Education and the parents-teachers associations nationwide, and to encourage a closer working relationship which will not only promote the welfare of the school but to that of the community they live in, there is hereby created a National Parents-Teachers Council, hereinafter referred to as Council to be composed of presidents elected from all the Provincial and regional Parents-Teachers Associations.

Officers of the Council shall be elected from among the members, Presidents of the Regional Parents Associations.

There shall be an annual general assembly of the members of the Provincial and regional Associations coordinated closely with the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Education.

SECTION 7. Powers and Functions – The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

(a) To participate in the formulation of the national guidelines as it refers to policies and procedures governing school fees, textbooks, visual aids and practical application for curricular activities;

(b) To assist, thru the barangay, municipal, city, provincial, regional and national associations, the appropriate Department of Education office in monitoring, overseeing and evaluating the implementation of school infrastructure projects;

(c) To provide a nationwide forum wherein views of parents and teachers on relevant issues can be deliberated on before these are brought to appropriate bodies for action;

(d) To be effective link between the Department of Education and all agencies that deal on matters pertinent to schools;

(e) To create such specialized committees and appoint members not only from within the Council but also from the barangay, municipal, city, provincial, regional and national parents associations to help address successfully specific concerns;

(f) To request cooperation from any barangay, municipal, city, provincial, regional or national official on any matter deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act; and

(g) To represent the parents sector in the Municipal, City and Provincial School Board.

SECTION 8. National Parents-Teachers Association Week – there is hereby declared a National Parents Association Week to be held during the first week of February every year in order to highlight and give recognition to the achievements and importance of parent associations in their role in giving accessible and quality education to the children.

Appropriate activities nationwide that include the holding of the annual general assembly of the National Parents-Teachers Council shall be undertaken and drawn up by the council.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations – The Department of Education shall promulgate implementing rules and regulations to carry into effect the objectives of this Act.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause – All laws, Presidential Decrees, executive and administrative orders inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause – If, for any cause, any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 12. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.