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Introduced by HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO
1ST DISTRICT, BOHOL

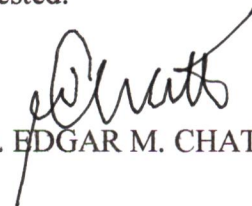
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State should expand the coverage of education by strengthening its foundation. It should bring pre-school education to the low-income sector, with the end in view of preparing poor but qualified children for further training in intellectual growth, worthy values, skills and physical well-being, which are taught to them extensively at the elementary level.

Presently, however, while pre-school education program is being initiated and funded by the Department of Education (DepEd), the local government units and the parent-teacher communities association (PTCA), nationwide, it is not a prerequisite before a student is enrolled in grade one. Mandating this will require the DepEd some P12 billion, as of C.Y. 2005. But notwithstanding the estimated cost, DepEd has observed that most 5-year old children who have enrolled in the pre-school program have better performance in grade one than those who have not. Therefore, making this a part of the educational ladder will reap more benefits for our children.

Considering the cost of this program, if applied nationwide, this bill seeks to institutionalize pre-school education and make it part and parcel of the educational system in the 1st Congressional District of the Province of Bohol.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER IN EACH OF THE
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT,
PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the supervision of the Department
Education (DepEd), a pre-school learning center in each of the public elementary schools
in the First Congressional District of the Province of Bohol.

SEC. 2. The amount needed to implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged
against the allocation of the DepEd under the current General Appropriations Act.
Thereafter, the amount necessary for its maintenance shall be included in the annual
General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2)
newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,