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Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. **2127**

Introduced by **Representatives PEDRO M. PANCHO, JOSELITO ANDREW R. MENDOZA, LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA and ARTURO B. ROBES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Millions of families dream of giving a good education to their children. The parents want their kids to start in nursery and kindergarten schools just like the children of rich families, but the poor mother just cannot afford to pay the tuition fees. The support of the budget of the Department of Education failed to construct and provide rooms to answer the call of the poor people living in depressed areas where parents themselves do not know how to read and write. The scenario in our country, the poor would remain poor for lack of early education, if this happens, crimes and even revolution might ensure to enhance their standing in our society.

Fortunately, there is a group of educators who cannot find employment but who are willing to serve as volunteers to work and teach in undefined rooms of barangay halls or even under the trees. They are called the Day Care Workers, who provide supplementary parental care to children from 0 to 4 years of age, whose parents have difficulty in taking care of them due to work and other concerns. Their salaries are very small contribution from the budget of the Local Government Units (LGUs) through Republic Act 6972 also known as the Barangay-Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act, where the LGUs are mandated to establish one day care center in every barangay, which is insufficient even for the family's daily needs. They serve and sacrifice to perform the same duties as those in private and public schools. They walk from their houses to the Day Care Center and back because their honoraria cannot afford them to pay the transportation fares. They teach in an unhealthy environment with poorly ventilated rooms, where young boys and girls share their sacrifices for they believe that education is the only weapon to fight and liberate them from the drudgeries of a miserable life.

The Day Care Workers do not receive any benefits from either SSS or GSIS that will protect the malnourished body of their family. The services they have rendered are not compensated with commensurate pay. After teaching for at least twenty (20) years in filthy and make shift rooms, they do not receive any compensatory benefits for the

needs of their own families. Unlike their counterparts in public and private schools who receive pensions and gratuity benefits, the day care workers receive nothing. The voice of the poor lost its echo because the government failed to provide the support it needs in terms of better facilities and higher pay. Like health protection and retirement benefit, the Day Care workers' compensation is not proportional with the services they have rendered for many years in a lowly condition. It is but imperative and very timely to provide them compensation and benefit package sufficient to finance their daily needs and the education of their own family members in a community where million of children learn to know how to read and write in an early age just like the rich families in our land.

Accordingly, approval of the attached bill is earnestly requested.



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"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SALARIES OF THE DAY CARE CENTER TEACHERS/WORKERS WITH CORRESPONDING BENEFITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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

SECTION 1. The institutionalizing of salaries and benefits of Day Care Teachers/Workers is hereby authorized.

SEC. 2. The sum necessary for proper implementation of this act shall be charged against the budget of the Local Government Units and the Department of Social Welfare and Development. Thereafter, it shall be included in the regular General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,