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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 6972, the Barangay-Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act, was enacted for the purpose of establishing day care centers in every barangay in the country. Said Act, among others, enumerates the qualifications required of day care workers and the compensation to be received by them.

There is a continuing increased desire to have quality child care made available. The awareness for quality child care had escalated and there is now a need to redefine its roles and responsibilities. Through the years it has become apparent that at least one day care worker should at least be a graduate of education and trained in handling children in order to better manage their educational needs even at such tender age. While there is no urgent need for a formal curriculum, there should at least be basic toddler modules as the children being catered to by day care centers are in their formative years.

In addition, day care workers should receive the appropriate pay for their services. An adjustment should be made as to the salary and other benefits being given to them.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6972, THE "BARANGAY-LEVEL
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ACT",
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

SECTION 1. All day care centers should be staffed with at least one day care worker who is a college graduate of a course in education.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education and the Department of Social Welfare and Development shall put together and implement a training program for day care workers centering on the cognitive skills development and mental stimulation of children. Completion of the training program shall be a pre-requisite before employment in a day care center.

SEC. 3. The Department of Education shall formulate and develop a basic instructional module that present readily comprehensible information to be used by day care workers in all day care centers for the cognitive skills development and mental stimulation of children.

SEC. 4. All day care workers shall be justly compensated and receive a salary not lower than the minimum wage and other benefits provided for under existing civil service laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. The appropriation necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the implementing agency the year following its enactment into law.

Approved,