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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6367

Introduced by Honorable Erico B. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 5, paragraph 5, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that:

"The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfilment."

This bill seeks to appropriate the amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00) to the kindergarten education program of the Department of Education. The amount is intended to be used for the construction of kindergarten classrooms and sanitation facilities, acquisition of teaching equipment and hiring of qualified and regular kindergarten teachers in public schools.

The passage of Republic Act No. 10157, otherwise known as the "*Kindergarten Education Act*," made kindergarten an integral part of the basic education system in the Philippines. It seeks to provide equal opportunities for all children to avail of accessible mandatory and compulsory kindergarten education. The Kindergarten Education Act also effectively promotes physical, social, intellectual, emotional, and skills stimulation and values formation which are designed to sufficiently prepare the young children for formal education. Under the present condition of our public education, however, the effective implementation of the law would be difficult without the necessary

funding support. The public school system faces recurring problems such as the shortages in classrooms, inadequate school facilities and lack of textbooks and qualified teachers. There is a need to remedy these problems now, otherwise, without these educational provisions and resources, the objective of the law to provide quality kindergarten education will be defeated.

The funding required under this bill will complement the public kindergarten education program and will facilitate the effective implementation of the law in the entire archipelago.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is urgently requested.



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AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION
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PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

SECTION 1. *Appropriations.* – The amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to the kindergarten education program of the Department of Education for the construction of kindergarten classrooms and sanitation facilities, acquisition of kindergarten teaching aids and equipment, and hiring of qualified and regular kindergarten teachers in public schools.

SEC. 2. *Release and Use of Funds.* – The amount shall be released to the Department of Education and shall be used for the purpose intended in accordance with the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulation.* – Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,