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EXPLANATORY NOTE

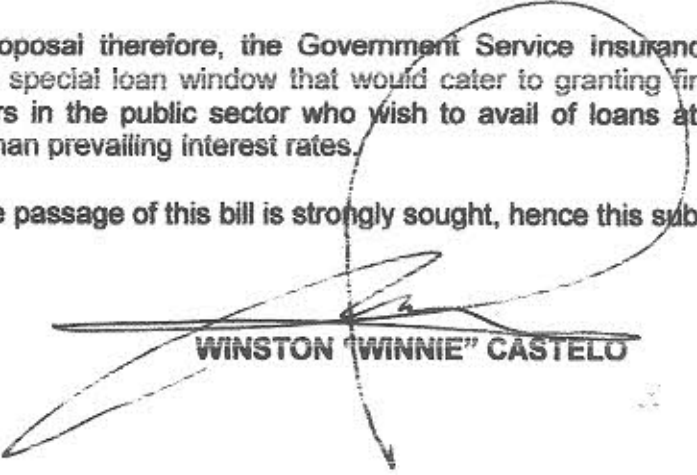
Unlike any other noble profession, teaching is perhaps the type that calls for the need that teachers become the role models themselves.

To achieve this end, teachers in either public or private should be enabled or better still, empowered to lead simple but decent lives free from the dangers or risks of having to borrow money or financial resources from 'loan sharks' who now have run a profitable cottage industry catering to the rather sad socio-economic plight of a sizeable population in the teaching profession.

It is the intent of this bill to help the teachers sector cope with hard times given certain hardships that they are prone of finding themselves in. In other words, their improved salaries and allowances have not truly reached a desired point where there will be no need of them looking for sources of funds through loans or lending schemes that result, most often, in them being badly victimized by loan sharks.

Under this proposal therefore, the Government Service Insurance System is authorized to open a special loan window that would cater to granting financial aid or assistance to teachers in the public sector who wish to avail of loans at interest rate comparatively lower than prevailing interest rates.

The immediate passage of this bill is strongly sought, hence this submission.


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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM TO OPEN A
SPECIAL LOAN WINDOW OTHER THAN THAT OF EMERGENCY LOAN FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PRESCRIBING LOW INTEREST RATE FOR ITS
REPAYMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Public School Teachers Special Loan Window Act" of 2013.

SEC. 2. Every bonafide member of the Government Service Insurance System shall henceforth be entitled the right to avail and apply for loan or financial assistance under the Special Loan Window as maybe be granted for every public school teacher by the system at interest rate of repayment lower than prevailing or current interest rate.

SEC. 3. Under this Act, any other form of financial assistance that could be availed of particularly an emergency loan should be deemed different and separate from this special loan window.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its approval and publication in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation and in the Official Gazette.

Approved,