

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1681



Introduced by **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill is submitted to provide a solution to the additional personnel needed to teach technical-vocational subjects in accordance with Republic Act No. 10533, otherwise known as the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 or the K+12 Law. Among others, this law recognizes the importance of technical-vocational subjects as a necessity to prepare graduates with added skills for specific trades and vocations, making them employable prior to a college education.

Further, and under Section 8 of this law, the DepEd and private schools are allowed to hire graduates of technical-vocational courses provided that they possess the necessary certifications from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). Moreover, the DepEd and private schools are similarly allowed to hire practitioners with expertise in the specialized learning areas to teach in the secondary level, provided that they are hired for part-time basis only.

However, it is recognized that Home Economics graduates are more than adequately prepared for teaching positions in the elementary, secondary, tertiary, as well as in the non-formal and vocational levels. Home Economics degree holders are also allowed to take the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET), and possess skills not only in teaching, but also as chefs and foodservice managers, consumer and marketing researchers, trainers, and entrepreneurs.

If enacted into law, this bill will allow Home Economics graduates the opportunity to teach without the need for a TESDA certification, recognizing that the training and experiences developed by Home Economics graduates are proof enough of possession of skills necessary and equivalent to said certification. This will also streamline the hiring process, as this will allow Home Economics graduates who do not possess LET certificates to teach technical-vocational subjects full-time.

Early recognition of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
GRANTING FILIPINO HOME ECONOMICS GRADUATES THE
PRIVILEGE TO TEACH TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS IN ALL
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN LINE WITH REPUBLIC ACT 10533 OR
THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

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2 **SECTION 1.** The State hereby declares the policy of allowing Filipino
3 professionals, particularly degree holders of Home Economics, to be given the
4 opportunity to impart their skills, competencies and knowledge to Filipino
5 elementary and high school students. Towards this end, the objective of
6 providing for qualified teachers to augment the demands for instructors to
7 complement the objective of producing students with technical-vocational
8 skills, as provided for in the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013.

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10 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the requirements set by the Department
11 of Education (DepEd) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), competent
12 Home Economics graduates, as well as allied academic areas, shall be allowed
13 to teach technical-vocational subjects in all public or private elementary and
14 secondary schools and other duly-recognized academic institutions. To this
15 end, the DepEd and CSC shall jointly formulate the appropriate rules and
16 regulations to include academic requirements, competencies, and standards to
17 assess the qualifications needed for the technical-vocational subjects.

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19 **SECTION 3.** The amount needed to implement this Act shall be
20 included in the General Appropriations Act the year after its approval.

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2 **SECTION 4.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
3 proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with
4 the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or
5 repealed accordingly.

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7 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of
8 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved,