

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4909



Introduced by **Honorable Oscar "Richard" S. Garin, Jr.**
1st District, Iloilo

**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS THE
START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN
THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The country, in adopting the K to 12 Basic Education Program, recognizes the need to keep pace with the standard of education of the different learning institutions all over the world.

As a law maker, I believe that our obligation does not stop in providing a better education curriculum to the students. It is incumbent upon us to likewise give the students the best time of the year when to spend time learning in schools.

Transferring the academic year from the month of June to the month of August would be very beneficial to students as there will be less disruption of classes due to inclement weather. It is in fact absurd to start the school year on the rainy days of June.

Also, it is notable that many of our neighboring countries start their academic year on August, and only the Philippines starts in June. This can be attributed to the fact that since time immemorial, classes in public schools in the country starts in June, and notwithstanding its inconvenience, we just followed tradition. It is high time that we break tradition for the betterment of our people.



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

SECTION 1. The Academic Year shall start in the month of August of every
year.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education and Commission on Higher
Education shall monitor and issue relevant rules and regulations for the compliance
of this act.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause – All laws, issuances or any part thereof
inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,