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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Philippines

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6346**



Introduced by: **"KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ANG APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Public school teachers are among the lowest paid professionals in our society. In spite of this, they are often forced to pay for everyday classroom supplies out of their own pockets. The salaries of our public school teachers are unquestionably not commensurate with the volume of work and responsibility entrusted to them. Aside from spending for their personal and family needs, teachers also have to shell out some more money from their own pockets for the materials they use in teaching.

Our public school teachers are currently receiving Php 1,500.00 for their annual teaching supplies. While this is an improvement than the cash allowance worth Php 700.00 they were receiving in 2011, it is evidently not enough to cover the costs of teaching supplies like pens, class records, cartolinas, art supplies, flash drives, and others.

Republic Act No. 4670 otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers mandates that the salaries of public school teachers **"shall be such as to insure teachers a reasonable standard of life for themselves and their families."** Hence, it is important for the State to promote policies that will improve the living and working conditions of our public school teachers.

This bill seeks to grant teaching supplies allowance for public school teachers and increase it from Php 1,500.00 to Php 6,000.00.

Teachers should be given priority attention, they being contributors to the mental development and the formation of moral and ethical values of our students. With this additional allowance, the burden on public school teachers will be alleviated and their working conditions will certainly improve.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate consideration and approval of the bill is earnestly urged.

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

SEC. 1. Title. — This Act shall be known as the ***"Teaching Supplies Allowance Act."***

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. — It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. In line with this and in recognition of the need to ensure the retention of the best available talents in the teaching profession, the State shall provide for a teaching supplies allowance for every public school teacher to support the provision of quality education for all Filipino students.

SEC. 3. Teaching Supplies Allowance. - A Teaching Supplies Allowance for the purchase of chalks, eraser, forms, and other classroom supplies and materials in the amount of six thousand pesos (Php 6,000.00) per teacher per school per year is hereby authorized.

SEC. 4. Coverage. —The grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act shall be limited to teachers who are engaged in actual classroom teaching in public basic education.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Department of Education in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the DepEd, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. — If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts or portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, resolutions, orders or ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved

