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EXPLANATORY NOTE

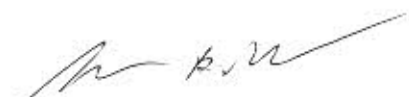
The greatest resource of our country today is its human resources. Statistics shows that our country already enjoys a demographic sweet spot—that condition whereby we have a larger proportion of the population absorbable by the work force.

To maintain such advantage, it is necessary that in the forthcoming years, all children of school age enter the school system upon entering kindergarten age and not later, as it will impact on the number of available literate work force.

At the same time, it is necessary that upon completion of our schoolchildren of Grade 10 or Junior High School, they should be shepherded to Senior High School. This is so as the objectives of Senior High School is the enabling of its graduates to be ready for basic employment.

To attain the foregoing twin objectives, it is necessary to harness the barangay, the basic unit of our government so as to ensure that everybody enjoys the benefit of free education at least up to senior high school.

It is for the foregoing reasons that the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION COMMITTEE IN EVERY
BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY TO ENSURE THAT ALL SCHOOL
AGE CHILDREN ENTER THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AT
KINDERGARTEN AGE AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL UPON
COMPLETION OF GRADE 10 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Universal Timely Access to Free Education for All Through the Barangays Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. The Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels of education and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

The State shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels. Without limiting the natural right of parents to rear their children, elementary education is compulsory for all children of school age.

SECTION 3. It is hereby mandated that there should be a Barangay Education Committee in every barangay headed by the Barangay Captain and with at least two (2) Barangay Kagawad as members.

The Barangay Education Committee shall be tasked with contacting the parents of all children of Kindergarten age to ensure that their children enter Kindergarten at such age and to maintain them in school thereafter.

Furthermore, the Barangay Education Committee shall be tasked with contacting the parents of all schoolchildren who graduated from Grade 10 or Junior High School to ensure that they enter our Senior High Schools. In appropriate cases, the Education Committee shall also be in-charge of facilitating the release of school vouchers to students of Senior High School students to ensure that they complete Senior High School.

SECTION 4. The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government, shall be tasked of formulating the necessary rules and regulations of this Act.

SECTION 5. An initial amount of Twenty Million Pesos (P20,000,000.00) necessary for the implementation of this act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act upon the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.