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EXPLANATORY NOTE

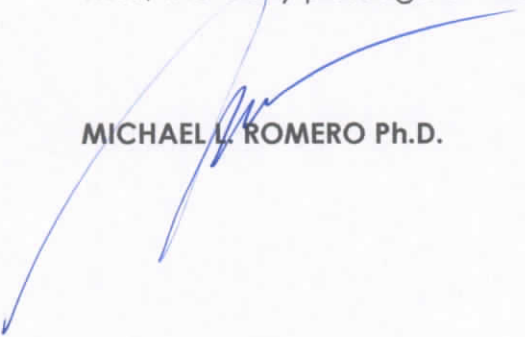
Food Feeding programs are a vital approach in sustaining the health and nutritional well being in the Republic of the Philippines. Therefore it is imperative that this Food Feeding programs be made continuous to achieve the appropriate nutritional status.

Thus parents and students here shall also develop good grooming and proper hygiene to sustain their progress during the school feeding sessions.

This House Bill seeks to foster the continuity and integrity of these Food Feeding programs on a nationwide scale.

Towards this end, the State shall implement measures to achieve these noble objectives.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

**CREATING A MANDATORY FEEDING PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL
CHILDREN, ALLOCATING 3% OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
ALLOTMENT (IRA) FOR EVERY CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared policy of the state to provide social development programs thru the national and local government units that shall provide households the schemes to improve their health and nutrition.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Internal Revenue Allotment - (IRA) is a local government unit's (LGU) share of revenues from the Philippine national government. Provinces,

independent cities, component cities, municipalities, and barangays each get a separate allotment.

The allotment is largely based upon the type of government they are and a formula based upon their land area and population. *Section 284 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines (RA 7160)* sets up the formula for the distribution of the allotment.

All or nearly all of the revenue that a local government has to spend comes from their IRA, though some local governments also have additional local sources of revenue such as property taxes and government fees. Typically for municipalities, the IRA accounts for 90% of total revenues. Since cities have more sources of local revenues, their IRA ranges from 50% to 70% of their total budget.

A portion of each local government unit's allotment is set aside their Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) or youth council.

The IRA is automatically released to each local government unit and may not be held back by the national government for any reason, except in the extreme case of an unmanageable public sector deficit, in which case the allotment may be adjusted but provided it not be set to be less than thirty percent (30%) of the collection of national internal revenue taxes of the third fiscal year preceding the current fiscal year.

SECTION 3. MANDATORY FEEDING PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN:

- a. There will be an allotted ₱18.00 (eighteen pesos) minimum budget per meal;
- b. The concerned city or municipality will determine the venue of the feeding program;
- c. The city or municipality in coordination with the DSWD and DEPED will determine the students that will be involved in the feeding program;
- d. The city or municipality in collaboration with the DSWD and DEPED will determine the frequency of holding the feeding program;
- e. DSWD and DEPED shall monitor and evaluate children's weight before and after the feeding programs to determine if the students have reached their ideal nutritional status;

- f. DSWD and DEPED shall educate families about health and nutrition, so that they could sustain the progress children have made during the school feeding programs;
- g. DEPED shall mandate schools to provide nutrition, proper grooming and hygiene counseling for both students and parents;
- h. DSWD shall teach parents how to prepare affordable yet nutritious meals through Parents Effectiveness Sessions.
- i. DSWD and DEPED shall ensure that school feeding programs are continuous.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The departments and agencies charged, to be led by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (**DSWD**) and the Department of Education (**DEPED**) with carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall within sixty (**60**) days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,