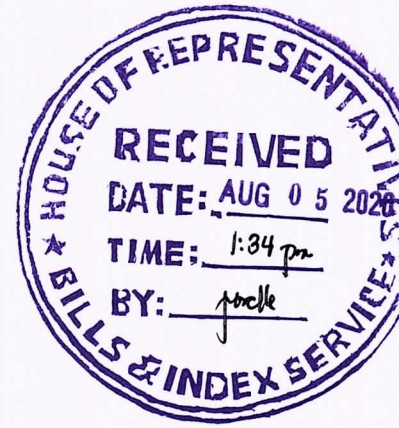
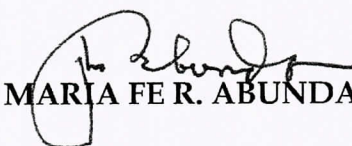




This legislation, should it become law, will work hand-in-hand with the several various measures forwarded by the different sectors of society so that when we are asked "*paano na ang pag-aaral?*", we will be prepared with a concrete and positive answer.



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**AN ACT GRANTING UTILITY ALLOWANCE FOR TEACHERS DURING THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "Teachers' Utility Allowance Act."

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - In line with the standing policy of the State to protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all, the State shall guarantee that it shall continuously enable and assist teachers in conducting their respective classes at any given time especially during a pandemic.

Section 3. Objective. - The general objective is to provide teachers in public schools with the necessary funds to procure stable internet connection in order to conduct their classes which is set to be online due the Covid-19 pandemic limiting schools to online learning.

The specific objectives are:

- a. To augment the teaching force in areas affected by Covid-19 which have shifted classes from the traditional face-to-face to online classes;
- b. To encourage teachers to effectively hold classes without the additional burden of procuring from their personal funds to use as an expense for stable internet connection;

- c. To ensure that students will be able to effectively learn from their teachers through the alternative modes of online learning;
- d. To provide monthly internet allowance for public school teachers in addition to their salary and other allowance

Section 4. Appropriations. - The Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall immediately include in the DepEd program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The DepEd District Supervisor, in coordination with the Local Government Unit, shall promulgate and issue the guideline and implement rules and regulations for the proper implementation and execution of this Act within sixty (60) days after the effectivity thereof.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.