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House Bill No. 7834



Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**
2nd District, Ilocos Norte

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING TEACHING SUPPLIES FUND FOR ALL
PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A classroom without the necessary resources to support students and teachers does not have the right to be called a classroom.

For so long, public school teachers in the country have been shouldering the costs of teaching supplies—a basic necessity in a teaching-learning environment. To alleviate the plight of teachers, the Government, through the Department of Education (DepEd), provided a monetary assistance, known as “Chalk Allowance”, that teachers receive at the opening of the school year to purchase items needed for instructions such as chalks, blackboard eraser, pens, paper and other school supplies and instructional materials.

Chalks, erasers, pens, and papers—these are basic teaching materials that should have been provided by the Government to our teachers. The purchase and provision of the basic teaching supplies and instructional materials for conducive teaching-learning environment in all public schools is the responsibility of the DepEd. Instead, this responsibility is passed on to our teachers. Worst, it has been institutionalized.

The buck stops here.

This proposed measure seeks to establish a Teaching Supplies Fund or TSF to ensure the continued funding and provision of teaching supplies and instructional materials for each school year in every classroom of all public schools in the country.

An amount of Three thousand pesos (PhP3,000.00) per month for each school year shall be allocated per classroom in all public schools to be used exclusively for the purchase or payment of chalks, erasers, papers, pens, forms, production or reproduction of handouts and study guides, and other classroom supplies and instructional materials.

Since the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) exercises general administration and supervision of properties, both fixed and movable, within his or her jurisdiction, and approve the allocation or use and/or acquisition or procurement of goods and services for instructional use, this proposed Act specifically mandates the SDS to ensure the proper purchase and prompt provision of necessary classroom supplies and instructional materials to be used by learners and teachers in every classroom of all public schools under his or her supervision.

This way, every classroom in all public schools of the country shall be equipped with the basic teaching supplies and instructional materials conducive for a teaching-learning environment. Most importantly, no teacher should have to worry ever again about not being able to provide the most basic resources not only for himself or herself, but also for his or her students.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the*
6 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*
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8 **SECTION 1. Short title.** – This Act shall be known as “*Teaching Supplies*
9 *Fund Act*”.
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11 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is a declared policy of the State to
12 protect and promote the right of the people to quality education. To this end,
13 the State shall appropriate the necessary funds for the provision of classroom
14 supplies and instructional materials in every classroom of all public schools in
15 the country.
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17 **SECTION 3. Teaching Supplies Fund (TSF).** – A Teaching Supplies Fund
18 or TSF is hereby established to ensure the continued funding and provision of
19 teaching supplies and instructional materials each school year in every
20 classroom of all public schools in the country.
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22 This fund shall be used exclusively for the purchase or payment of chalks,
23 erasers, papers, pens, forms, production or reproduction of handouts and
24 study guides, and other classroom supplies and instructional materials.
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26 **SECTION 4. Monthly Allocation from TSF every School Year.** – Each
27 school year, the amount of three thousand pesos (PhP3,000.00) per month
28 for every classroom in all public schools in the country shall be allocated for
29 the purchase and provision of all the necessary classroom supplies and
30 instructional materials.
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32 **SECTION 5. Periodic Review for Increases.** – The Secretary of
33 Education is hereby mandated to conduct a periodic review of the TSF
34 allocation considering the current prices of classroom supplies and
35 instructional materials. If increase is warranted, the Secretary shall make the
36 necessary recommendation.
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1 **SECTION 6.** *Role of the Department of Education Schools Division*
2 *Superintendent.* – To guarantee efficient operations and quality in the
3 delivery of basic education, the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) shall
4 ensure the proper purchase and prompt provision of necessary classroom
5 supplies and instructional materials to be used by learners and teachers in
6 every classroom of all public schools under his or her supervision.

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8 Failure of the SDS to ensure the proper purchase and prompt provision of
9 the necessary supplies and instructional materials in every classroom of all
10 public schools shall be a ground for disciplinary action.

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12 **SECTION 7.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within thirty (30)
13 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education (DepEd), in
14 coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, the
15 Department of Finance and other concerned government agencies, shall
16 formulate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of
17 this Act.

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19 The implementing rules and regulations shall be published in the Official
20 Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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22 **SECTION 8.** *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to cover the initial
23 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's
24 appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for
25 the effective and continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in
26 the annual General Appropriations Act.

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28 **SECTION 9.** *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is
29 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such
30 declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

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32 **SECTION 10.** *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders,
33 administrative orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are
34 hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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36 **SECTION 11.** *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen days
37 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
38 circulation.

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