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House Bill No. 9200



Introduced by
ANAKALUSUGAN REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act 8525 (The Adopt A School Program Act) was enacted into law in 14 February 1998. Its purpose is to help our public school system by incentivizing the private sector by giving tax deductions (*Gross Income*) to the private companies, industries and private individuals who imparted their financial and or in-kind services to the public schools.

This Amendatory Act to R.A. 8525 aims to improve the law by (1) deleting the recommendatory wording that private sector funds preferably be sent to schools located in the 20 poorest provinces, and (2) includes in the main law “vaccination for all diseases for students and teachers.” Amendment (1) cures the anachronistic view that help should be sent to schools in the poorest provinces, since the present pandemic has rendered most public schools susceptible to the virus. Amendment (2), notwithstanding DepEd Order No. 2 Series of 2013 which already includes “health and nutrition packages” as part of the funding which can be given by the private sector, improves the language of the main law by specifically citing Vaccination as part of the Adopt-A-School Program.

The mark of a good law is its evolution as a consequence of the changing times, in this case the Covid-19 pandemic. With these changes, R.A. 8525 is better equipped to incentivize the private sector to help our public school system cope with the Covid-19 scourge.

Considering the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8525, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS “AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM,
PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

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

1 Section. 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Amendatory Act to
2 Improve the ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM”

3 Section. 2. *Amendment.* – Section 3 of Republic Act 8525 is hereby amended to read
4 as follows:

5 **Sec. 3. *Adopt-a-School Program.*** - There is hereby established the "*Adopt-*
6 *a-School Program*" which will allow private entities to assist a public
7 school, whether elementary, secondary, or tertiary, preferably located in
8 any of the twenty (20) poorest provinces identified by the Presidential
9 Council for Countryside Development or any other government agency
10 tasked with identifying the poorest provinces] in, but not limited to, the
11 following areas: staff and faculty development for training and further
12 education; construction of facilities; upgrading of existing facilities,
13 provision of books, publications and other instructional materials; and
14 modernization of instructional technologies **AND VACCINATING**
15 **SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS AGAINST COVID-19 AND**
16 **OTHER DISEASES.”**

17 A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) specifying the details of the
18 adoption shall be entered into between the adopting entity and the head of
19 the school concerned: *Provided*, That such MOA shall be subject to review
20 and approval of the Superintendent of Schools of the province or district

1 concerned: *Provided, further*, That the agreement shall last for at least two
2 (2) years with the possibility of extension: *Provided, finally*, That such
3 period may be shortened only in cases where the adopting entity is dissolved
4 before the end of such period unless otherwise earlier terminated in
5 accordance with the succeeding Section.

6 Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other
7 presidential issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
8 modified accordingly.

9 Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or provisions of this Act
10 is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected
11 thereby.

12 Sec. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in at
13 least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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15 *Approved*