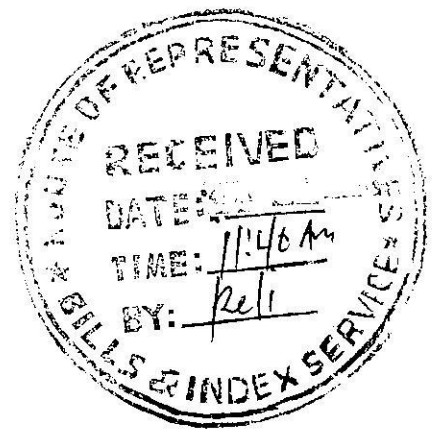




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HOUSE BILL NO. **1177**

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FOR ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to provide tablets to students enrolled in public schools and state universities and colleges to aid them in their studies as the world shifts to digital learning.

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the digital divides between the haves and the have nots in terms of learning and education. As the world is shifting towards digital learning it is the responsibility of the State to provide digital aid to poor students who cannot afford tablets. This measure will allow our poor students to compete with other students who are more financially capable to afford tablets to aid their learning.

This bill was first filed by Hon. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte, Jr. and Hon. Loren Legarda during the 18th Congress.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


HON. BRYAN B. REVILLA
Representative
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “One Tablet, One Student Act.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy – The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels. Further, the State shall take appropriate measures to make education accessible to all particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SEC. 3. One Tablet, One Student Program. – The One Tablet, One Student program is hereby established to provide each public elementary and secondary student as well as students enrolled in State Universities and Colleges a tablet computer (“tablet”) each to enable them to effectively participate in online learning; *Provided*, That students who already have their own personal learning gadgets shall be given education assistance in the form of an internet allowance to cover the cost of connectivity.

SEC. 4. Implementing Agencies. – The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) are hereby tasked to implement the “One Tablet, One Student” program and shall:

1. develop a comprehensive system to determine the eligibility of students who will qualify under the said program;
2. develop an efficient and expeditious distribution system; and
3. formulate guidelines on usage, maintenance and accountability for the tablets.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. – An amount of two hundred billion pesos (P200, 000,000,000.00) is hereby authorized to be appropriated by the National Treasury for the initial implementation of this Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be appropriated in the succeeding General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The DepEd and CHED, in coordination with the local government units through the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), shall promulgate all the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation not later than thirty (30) days upon the effectivity of this Act. The DepEd and CHED shall publish such rules and regulations once a week, for two (2) consecutive weeks in newspapers of general circulation.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances or part thereof inconsistent with provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. – If any part, section or provision of this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, no other part, section of provision thereof shall be affected thereby.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.