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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1849



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND “LRAY” F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.,**
HON. MIGUEL LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE, HON. TSUYOSHI ANTHONY G. HORIBATA
AND HON. NICOLAS ENCISO VIII

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the sectors that have severely suffered due to pandemic is education. With the closure of schools, students and teachers were forced to resort to alternative learning methods to ensure continuity of learners' education. This predicament has compelled our teachers, especially those in public basic education, to shoulder additional expenses for internet connectivity, electronic gadgets, and other necessary materials, among other concerns.

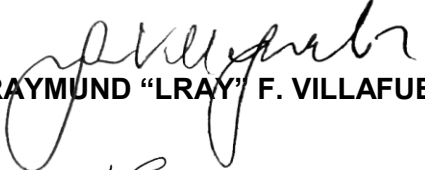
Recognizing this dilemma, the Department of Education and Department of Budget and Management have issued Joint Circular No. 2 implementing Special Provision No. 11 in the 2021 General Appropriations Act on cash allowance for schoolteachers in basic education. In the said circular, teachers will receive maximum of PHP 5,000 cash allowance for the purchase of teaching materials and supplies as well as for the expenses they will incur on internet connection, communications, and their annual medical examination.¹ However, the said circular only covered provision of allowance for a limited duration to our public-school teachers who were still enduring the continued effects of the pandemic.

Hence, this bill aims to institutionalize and increase the teaching supplies allowance of public teachers in basic education. Aside from this representation's proposed higher salary grade for public teachers, this measure seeks to lessen the burden of our public-school teachers in shelling out their personal money just to fulfil their obligations in delivering education services to our students. More so, it is imperative for the State to enable conducive working conditions for our

¹<https://www.dbm.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/Issuances/2021/Joint-Circular/Certified-True-Copy-JC-on-Cash-Allowance.pdf>

teachers and uphold its constitutional duty of ensuring that the teaching profession will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents in the country through adequate remuneration.

In the view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES
ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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 “*Teaching Supplies Allowance Act*”.

SECTION. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to promote and improve the economic status of teachers and assist them in providing quality education to their students.

SECTION 3. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* – A Teaching Supplies Allowance for the purchase of teaching supplies and materials, tangible or intangible for the implementation or conduct of various learning delivery modalities (LDMs) in the amount of Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) per teacher for the school year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025; Seven thousand five hundred pesos (P7,500.00) per teacher; for the school year 2025-2026, Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00); and Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) per teacher for the school year 2026-2027, and thereafter are hereby authorized: *Provided*, That this allowance shall be exempt from income tax.

SECTION 4. *Coverage.* – The grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act shall be covered teachers who are engaged in teaching public basic education, consistent with the learning modalities recognized by the Department of Education (DepEd).

SECTION 5. *Funding.* – The amount necessary for the grant of Teaching Supplies Allowance per teacher per school year authorized under this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the DepEd under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 6. *Periodic Review for Increases.* – The Secretary of Education is hereby mandated to conduct a periodic review of the Teaching Supplies Allowance, taking into account the current prices of teaching supplies and materials, and, if warranted, recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,