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EXPLANATORY NOTE

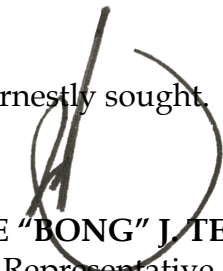
The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed a number of vulnerabilities in the delivery of our government services to the Filipino people such as the lack of health facilities and shortage in teaching equipment among others. The pandemic has also forced the government to change the ways it delivers services to the public. For example, our education system now heavily relies on technology such as laptops and internet connection to ensure the continuance of education to our students in this time of pandemic.

This pandemic showed us that our education sector, particularly our teachers, are not equipped with proper tools to effectively and properly educate our students. Even before the pandemic, our teachers only use manual labor to formulate modules, lesson plans, and exams, ways which are no longer consistent in this modern time.

It is now time for Congress to focus on our teachers and provide them the proper tools and technology in order to cope up with the modern times. Just like our

policemen who are issued service firearms, our teachers too need their own “service firearms” through the provision of their own service laptops.

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



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) SERVICE LAPTOP FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHER IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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 “Modernization for Public School Teachers Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – The State recognizes the vital role of our public school teachers in nation building and as such, they are the foundation of the Filipino youth through the education they provide.

It is also in consonance to the government’s constitutional duty to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

SEC. 3. Provision of Service Laptops to Public School Teachers. – Every public school teacher under the Department of Education shall receive one (1) service laptop each.

The Department of Education and Department of Budget and Management, shall determine the total number of public school teachers and procure one (1) service laptop for each public school teacher.

The Department of Education in coordination with the Department of Information and Communications and Technology shall consider and formulate the technical qualifications and specifications needed for the procurement of service laptops to ensure effective performance of duty of our public school teachers. Further, the Department of Information and Communications Technology shall ensure the efficacy of said laptops through regular repair and maintenance of the same.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. – The appropriations needed for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Department of Education in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

SEC. 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,