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House Bill No. **3476**



Introduced by Representative Marjorie Ann "Maan" A. Teodoro

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide our schoolteachers in the public educational institutions teaching supplies allowance per school year to alleviate their work-related expenses.

In a usual workplace set up, the materials and supplies of an employee is normally provided by the employer. This ensures them that they will have complete access to all the major materials needed to assist them with their work. However, our teachers are not afforded the same privilege. They still need to purchase their teaching materials which include, but not limited to, writing materials like ballpens, pencils, chalks and/or markers, bond papers, art materials, and manila paper. Each item may be cheap, but given the number of teaching materials needed, if collated, the entire bill is insurmountable.

Our teachers are considered as one of our modern-day heroes who dedicate their lives honing the future of every Filipino. They can be resourceful in providing education, but they can only do so much given their monthly salary. To make their lives and job easier, teaching supplies is considered a necessity in the line of their work.

Since 2011, teachers have been receiving a grant of Cash Allowance to Teachers initially called the 'Chalk Allowance' from the Department of Education (DepEd). Back then, the allowance was only P700.00 and was only increased to P3,500.00 in 2018. As big as the increase may be, it is still insufficient to cover all teaching materials expenses.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, education became digital which required the utilization of electronic devices and subscription to internet connection to carry out their mandate as educators. As a matter of fact, these are much more expensive. Thus, the proposed increase to the teaching supplies allowance for teacher is justifiable.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR 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 "Teaching Supplies Allowance Act of 2022"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to enhance the right of teachers to professional advancement and assign the highest budget priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment.

SEC. 3. Teaching Supplies Allowance. A Teaching Supplies Allowance, for the purchase of tangible and intangible teaching materials, shall be in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) per teacher for the school year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024; Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P7,500.00) per teacher for the school year 2024-2025; Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000) for the school year 2025-2026, and thereafter are hereby authorized: *Provided*, That this allowance shall be exempt from income tax.

SEC. 4. Coverage. The grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act shall be limited to teachers who are engaged in actual classroom teaching in public basic education, consistent with the learning modalities recognized by the Department of Education (DepEd): *Provided*, That the teacher is permanent and provisional, and have been in service for thirty (30) days from the start of the school year. *Provided further*, That teachers who have only started their service beyond 30 days from the start of the school year shall also be entitled to cash allowance on pro-rata basis.

SEC. 5. 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 classroom supplies, and, if warranted, recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. The amount necessary for the grant of the 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).

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. - All provisions of existing laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. - If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,