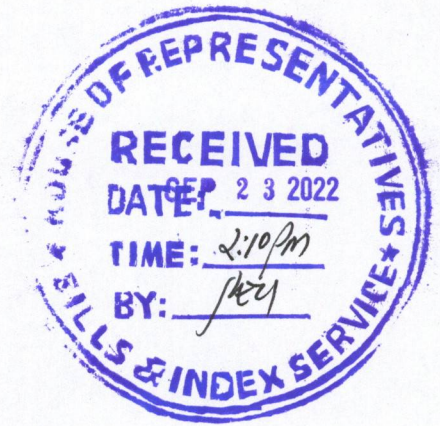


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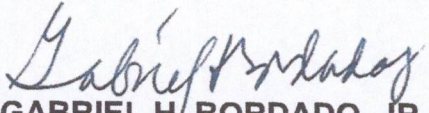
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State has the responsibility to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels. Likewise, it shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that it is accessible to all. In the pursuit of that goal, it is undeniable how pivotal teachers are to the success of our education system. Therefore, improving the teaching institution in the country should also be counted as a crucial step towards that goal. One way to achieve that is to provide incentives and other benefits that could attract the best minds in the country to enter the teaching profession.

However, the unfortunate reality is that teachers in the country are heavily underpaid and overworked. Teachers' salaries are not globally competitive, leading to brilliant educators leaving the country to pursue the profession in other countries. The other reality is the financial limitations of our government. Therefore, we must continuously seek creative ways to improve the teaching profession by inviting more brilliant minds to embark in the profession.

This Act seeks to exempt up to two (2) dependents of teachers from payment of tuition fees in all state colleges and universities in the country. This bill had been previously filed by Rep. Salvador Belaró during the 17th Congress. Through its approval and implementation, two objectives in achieving quality education are achieved: teachers are provided additional incentives, therefore making the teaching profession more attractive; and education is further made accessible to more Filipino people.


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AN ACT GRANTING FREE TUITION FEES TO TEACHERS' DEPENDENTS

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

SECTION. 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Teachers' Dependents Act of 2022"

SEC. 2. Declaration of State Policy. - The State recognizes the indispensable role of teachers in educating our citizenry. It is thus but fitting that the State ensure that the teaching profession attract the best and the brightest by making teachers' compensation and benefits reasonably competitive.

SEC. 3. All teachers who are currently teaching in any private or public school in the country and who has been doing so for the last Ten (10) years, and all other teachers who in the future will satisfy said requirement shall enjoy the benefit of having his first two(2) children exempted from the payment of tuition fees in any university or college in the country subject to the respective admission requirements of the schools.

SEC. 4. The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall jointly formulate and issue the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 6. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,