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HOUSE BILL No. 5188



Introduced by **HONORABLE ERNESTO "ERNIX" M. DIONISIO, JR.**

AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY DAY CARE SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BARANGAY-LEVEL TOTAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ACT" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presidential Decree No. 1567 mandates that in every barangay there shall be established a day care center. The law states that, pre-school children with ages 0-6 years are the most vulnerable to malnutrition and lack of social and mental stimulation. It states further that the day care center shall look after the nutritional needs and mental development of all children ages 2 to 5 when their parents are not able to do so¹.

The early years of the life of a child is crucial with regard to his or her development. Ideally, they must be provided with sufficient attention and guidance during these developmental years of their lives. In reality though, not all parents can be present to guide and care for their children during these years.

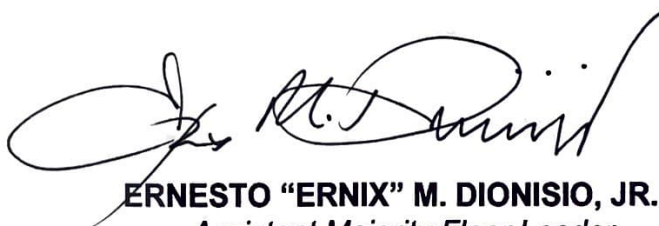
The 1987 Constitution states that, the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all².

¹ Section 3, Presidential Decree No. 1567.

² Section 1, Article XIV, 1987 Constitution.

Further, by making services of day care available to all, not only the children are benefiting therefrom, but rather it will also benefit the parents. The daycare system will give aid to the parents with regard to the assistance and providing care for their children. Moreover, the daycare system will also give the parents the opportunity to engage in profession and at the same time give them ease that their children are being well taken care of.

This bill aims to protect the rights of the children to have quality education and also aims to give support and assistance to the parents of these children. Given the fact that there are a lot of children and parents who will benefit from this bill and that up to date there are insufficient day care service facilities in our barangays throughout the Philippines, the immediate approval of this bill is necessary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernesto M. Dionisio, Jr.', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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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 “Barangay Child Care Assistance Act of 2022.”

Section 2. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 6972, otherwise known as the Barangay-Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 3. Program Framework. - The total development and protection of children program for day care centers shall be provided for children up to six (6) years of age with the consent of parents; provided, however, that, in case of abused, neglected or exploited children, such consent shall not be required. The program shall include the following:

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“(c) Care for children of working PARENTS [mothers] during the day and, where feasible, care for children up to six (6) years of age when BOTH PARENTS [mothers] are working at night:

PROVIDED, THAT SUCH CARE SHALL LAST DURING THE WORK HOURS OF THE WORKING PARENT/S AND AN ADDITIONAL

TIME OF UP TO TWO HOURS; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE BARANGAY DAY CARE CENTER SHALL HAVE THE DISCRETION TO COLLECT A REASONABLE FEE FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES RENDERED BEYOND TEN (10) HOURS; provided FURTHER, that the day care center need not to take care of children in a particular place but shall develop network of homes where women may take care of the children up to six (6) years of age of working [mothers] PARENTS during work hours, with adequate supervision from the supervising social welfare officer of the Department of Social Welfare and Development: provided, further, that, where young children are left to the care of paid domestic, an elderly relative or older children without adequate and competent adult supervision, the supervising social welfare officer shall provide such training and adult supervision until the children's care meets adequate standards whereby the children under their care will develop normally as healthy, happy and loved children, even in the absence of their mothers during working hours;"

Section 3. A new Section 5-A is hereby inserted to read as follows:

"SECTION 5-A. CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE. - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS OLD SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THRU THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDED, THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE SHALL ONLY BE GRANTED TO PARENT/S WHO ARE MINIMUM WAGE EARNERS; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT SUCH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE ACCREDITED PRIVATE DAY CARE CENTER AS FEE REDUCTION."

Section 4. Appropriations. — An amount of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) shall be appropriated for the initial year of implementation of this Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the proper implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Interior and Local Government, in coordination with other relevant government agencies and upon consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 6. Separability Clause. - Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions and provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or any parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,