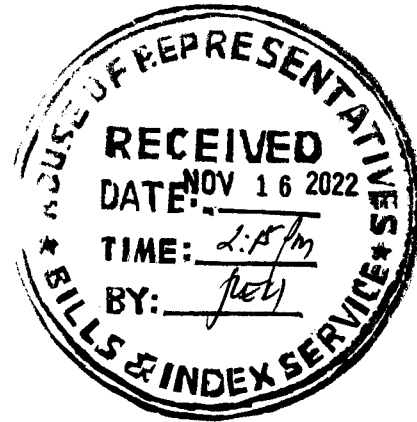




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HOUSE BILL NO. 6173



Introduced by Representative DAVID “Jay-Jay” C. SUAREZ and Representative ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA- SUAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Parents consider professional day care centers to be the safest option for babysitting, and children who attend day care centers benefit from the wide variety of social and educational opportunities that the centers provide.

The primary function of a daycare center is to provide a safe and secure environment with quality caregivers, so that parents have the peace of mind of knowing their children are safe while they work.

Most children who attend a daycare through the preschool level are able to recognize and write letters and sight words and can do basic addition and subtraction. This makes the transition to kindergarten much easier, and gives them a head start on learning skills.

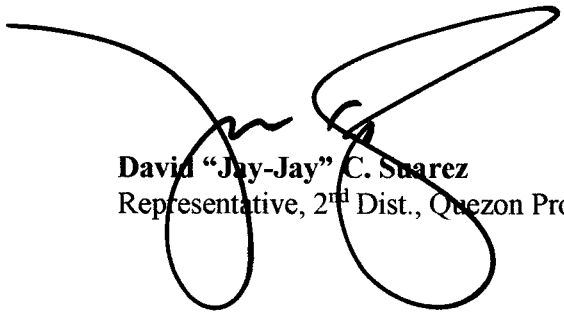
The Day Care Center System will form part of the primary and basic education and shall create an efficient and effective curriculum within the appropriate age group of zero (0) to four (4) years of age. This bill will also in effect place our children under the care and supervision of licensed professional teachers.

Aside from being part of primary and basic education, it shall continue to protect and promote the best interest of children availing the day care system.

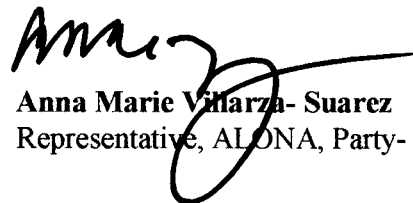
Hence, this bill proposes to transfer day care center to the Department of Education to ensure that children availing the day care systems shall have a safe and secure environment, head start on learning skills and makes transition in the level of education easier.

Thus, it is hoped that the Day Care System be given the priority it deserves in the Congress.

It is for this reason that the approval of this measure is respectfully sought.



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AN ACT
TRANSFERRING THE DAY CARE CENTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Day Care System (DCS) Act.”

SEC. 2. The Day Care System shall be under the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council under the direct control and supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd).

SEC. 3. The Day Care Centers shall adopt the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) System which shall refer to the full range of health, nutrition, early education, and social services development programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years; and to promote their optimum growth and development.

It shall likewise adopt the center- based programs, such as the day care service established under RA 6972 otherwise known as the “Barangay-Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act” as well as the home- based programs, such as the neighborhood-based play groups, family child care programs, parent education and home visiting programs.

SEC. 4. The Day Care System Providers shall include trained professionals who are directly responsible for the care and education of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) through the various center- based and home- based programs. They shall include, but shall not be limited to child development workers, child development teachers, teacher-aides, rural health midwives, social workers, community health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, parent effectiveness service volunteers, and family day care providers.

SEC. 5. The Day Care System shall formulate a curriculum that are developmentally-appropriate educational objectives and practices, programs of activities, organized learning experiences, recommended learning materials and appropriate assessment for children from age zero (0) to four (4) years. It shall consist of national program goals and guidelines, instructional objectives, and content outlines that are age-appropriate, individually appropriate and culturally relevant.

This curriculum shall be reviewed by the ECCD Council. The DepED shall recognize the ECCD curriculum as the foundation of the learning continuum and shall promote it for all children from age zero (0) to four (4) years.

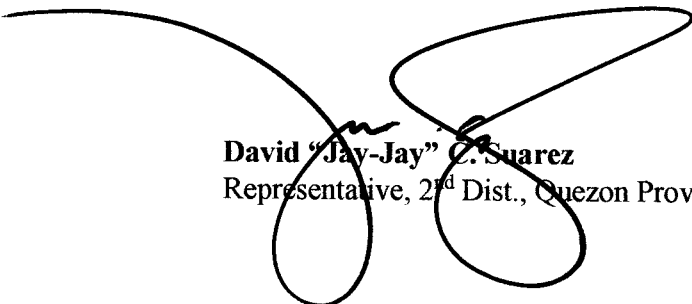
SEC. 6. The amount necessary to cover the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged with the current year's appropriations of agencies and offices transferred and subsumed by the Department in the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall include in their department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and shall augment such allocation internally generated funds of the Department of Education.

SEC. 7. If any provisions or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

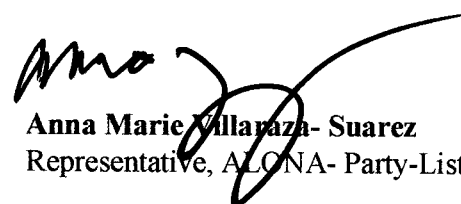
SEC. 8. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,



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