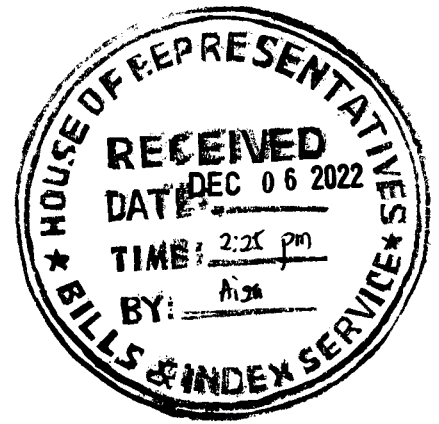


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House Bill No. **6532**



Introduced by Representative Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is an invaluable tool in creating a thriving and globally competitive society. Access to quality education paves the way for poverty alleviation, sustainable development, and economic growth. It is a fundamental right that must be the topmost priority of the State.

The Constitution mandates that the State maintain and establish an education system relevant to the needs of the people. Therefore, in order to provide the Filipino people with the best quality of education, accessibility should go hand-in-hand with the availability of correct, timely, and comprehensive learning materials.

In recent times, many public schools in the country make do with the usage of textbooks and learning materials riddled with errors or highly outdated data. These inaccuracies severely impact the performance and development of Filipino students.

In light of this, the bill seeks to eradicate the usage of imprecise educational materials through the creation of a uniform system of producing materials that is relevant to the needs of our schools. This bill seeks to establish a printing office under the direction of the Department of Education, which shall produce, print, and distribute original materials for public schools.

The immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION PRINTING OFFICE

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 "Education Printing Office Act of 2022."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to maintain and establish an integrated system of education that is relevant and useful to the needs of public elementary and high school students.

SECTION 3. Education Printing Office. - The Department of Education shall establish a printing office. The printing office may:

- a) Produce, print, and distribute original materials that support and enhance the instruction of the core curriculum in public schools, including workbooks, worksheets and textbooks;
- b) Contract to print and distribute materials that a school district, charter school, or private source has produced;
- c) Charge public schools the reasonable costs of distributed materials, and
- d) Seek input from school districts, charter schools, educators, and parents regarding the development of materials.

SECTION 4. Priorities of the Printing Office. - The printing office shall give the priority of producing materials for kindergarten through grade three. The second priority of the printing office shall be the production of materials for grades four through six.

SECTION 5. Appropriation. - The funds needed for this purpose shall be taken from the appropriations of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and administrative regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby 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 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,