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HOUSE BILL No. 7057



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LORDAN G. SUAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

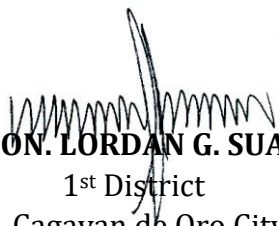
Education is a vital tool in narrowing the gap of social inequality as it opens opportunities for social mobility. It also widens the horizon for personal growth and development of an individual. It is, in fact, an indispensable investment for the development of the nation.

The success of our education system is in hands of our teachers. The burden of teaching, and learning lie upon their shoulders. The future of our children and of this nation depends on their commitment and sacrifices. Yet, if we listen to their voices, we'll hear the sounds of suffering and distress. The remuneration they receive is not enough to compensate the demands of teaching and administrative loads, the functions they have to perform outside teaching, and the demands for an effective pedagogy.

One of the most common complaints we receive, continuously and repeatedly, over the years, is the issue on teaching supplies and materials. Our teachers are forced to shell out their own money to purchase these supplies and materials, not just to pass their assessments and evaluations but, importantly, to effectively teach their students and deliver the results expected of them. This shows that we are not just asking them to sacrifice their time and skill but it has come to point where we are forcing them to part with a portion of their meager income. That amount could have been spent for their own children and for their family.

This bill seeks to address the problem of our teachers by institutionalizing their teaching supplies allowance and ensuring that this be reviewed and adjusted every two years in order to keep up with inflation.

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


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

**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF TEACHING SUPPLIES
ALLOWANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN BASIC EDUCATION
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “Teaching Supplies Allowance in Public Basic Education Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the state to give priority to education and shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education. In relation thereto, it shall assign the highest budgetary 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.

SECTION 3. *Coverage.* The Teaching Supply Allowance shall be given to all teaching personnel in the public basic education system, including the alternative learning system, regardless of employment status.

SECTION 4. *Teaching Supply Allowance.* The teaching personnel covered by this Act shall be entitled to a Teaching Supply Allowance for the purchase of teaching supplies and materials needed for the conduct of teaching and learning, in any modality.

Year of Implementation	Amount
First Year	5,000
Second Year Onwards	10,000

Provided, that every two (2) years after its second year of implementation, a review shall be conducted and the amount shall be adjusted, considering the inflation of teaching supplies and materials.

Provided, further, that the Teaching Supply Allowance shall not be taxable unless the total benefits received by the teaching personnel covered by this Act exceeds the threshold provided for under Section 32(B), Chapter 6, of the National Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the current budget of the Department of Education. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 12. *Rules and Regulations.* The Department of Education, Department of Budget and Management and other stakeholders shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, within sixty (60) days from the date of its effectivity.

Section 13. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not hereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 14. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are repealed, amended or modified, accordingly.

Section 15. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,