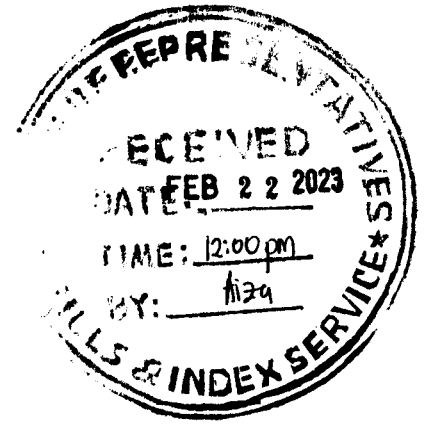


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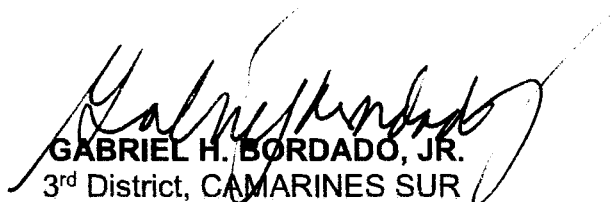
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Learning does not only begin once a child steps into the classroom. It is a lifelong process that goes beyond the walls of academic institutions and begins at birth. Therefore, the right to education also begins in the early stages of childhood. According to UNESCO, the period from birth to eight years old is crucial for development and for setting up our children for lifelong learning. However, their data show that 1 of 4 children aged 5 never had any form of pre-primary education. It is a reality that is evident in low- and lower-middle-income countries – such as the Philippines – where few children attend organized learning before their primary education years.

The Constitution states that "The State shall protect the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." In order to stay true to that mandate, it is essential to provide quality early childhood education to our children.

This bill proposes the effective implementation of early childhood education and development initiatives in the local level by upgrading the knowledge and managerial skills of the elementary school heads on the creation of quality early learning environment, provision for relevant curriculum application of best practices in early childhood teaching, and strengthening linkages with stakeholders.

A properly implemented and strengthened system of early childhood education would help our learners optimize learning opportunities in the years to come. Therefore, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HEADS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND
DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Comprehensive Early Childhood Education and Development Management Act".

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms:

- a) Comprehensive Professional Development - refers to capacity building activities in the form of but not limited to formal post-graduate program, workshops, conferences, specialized in-service trainings covering instructional leadership, general management, and governance;
- b) School Head - is the person responsible for the administrative and instructional supervision of the school or cluster of schools;
- c) Early Childhood Education and Development (ECED) - refers to the full early education and social services program that provide for the basic education and development needs of young children ages three (3) to six (6), to promote their optimum growth and development;
- d) ECED Management focuses on a continuing process of planning, implementation, supervision, financial management, monitoring, evaluation and reporting guided by the principles of decentralization.

SECTION 3. The implementing machinery envisioned in this Act is a public-private partnership authorized by the Secretary of Education in the form of grants through competitive basis.

SECTION 4. 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 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,