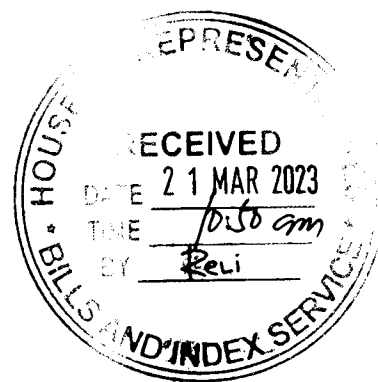


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HOUSE BILL NO. 7720



Introduced by: Hon. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 11, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that: "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

Likewise, Article XIV, Section 5 [5] states that "the State 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."

The present plight of our poor teachers, however, betrays the best intentions of the Constitution.

At present, the amount of the yearly allowance for our public school teachers, which is formerly known as 'chalk allowance', would depend on what is stated in the provisions of the National Budget. This lack of institutionalization has become a problem because if the provisions are inconsistent across each Fiscal Year, then the amounts allocated for our teachers will also be inconsistent.

This inconsistency is what this bill seeks to rectify. Under this proposed measure, the yearly allowance to be given to teachers in public education shall be set at Seven thousand five hundred pesos (P7,500.00) per teacher for School Year 2023-2024; and Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) per teacher for School Year 2024-2025 and thereafter.

Through this initiative, teachers will be unburdened of having to spend for their own supplies. In doing so, they can continue to focus on providing quality education to all our learners.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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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 "Tulong sa Pagtuturo Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to promote and improve the economic status of teachers and assist them in providing quality education to their students.

It is also the policy of the State to give the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that the teaching profession will attract and retain the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment.

SEC. 3. *Coverage.* - The grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act shall cover all public school teachers engaged in teaching basic education curriculum, consistent with the learning modalities recognized by the Department of Education (DepEd).

SEC. 4. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* - All public school teachers shall be granted a Teaching Supplies Allowance for the purchase of tangible or intangible teaching supplies and materials and for the implementation or conduct of various learning delivery modalities (LDMs) in the amount of Seven thousand five hundred pesos (P7,500.00) per teacher for School Year 2023-2024; and Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) per teacher for School Year 2024-2025 and thereafter: Provided, That the Teaching Supplies Allowance shall be automatically adjusted to its present value every three (3) years to account for the changing prices of teaching supplies and materials and the implementation or conduct of various LDMs.

These additional benefits shall not be subject to income tax: Provided, That the total amount of benefits received by the covered personnel concerned does not exceed the threshold provided under Section 32(B), Chapter VI of the National Internal Revenue Code of the Philippines, as amended.

SEC. 5. *Funding.* - The amount necessary for the grant of Teaching Supplies Allowance per teacher for every school year shall be charged against the appropriations of the DepEd under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any part, section, or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,