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Introduced by Representative CAMILLE A. VILLAR

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ESTABLISHING NURSERY AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES PROXIMATE TO
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PROMOTING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE
FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Explanatory Note

This bill recognizes the valuable role of teachers in molding future generations and supports their work-life balance.

By establishing nursery and childcare facilities within the premises or within reasonable vicinity from the public schools, the public-school teachers will feel assured that their children receive the proper care while they are performing their functions.

This bill will also ensure that public-school teachers can perform their functions more effectively thereby assuring that their students will receive the best education.

In view thereof, the approval of this measure 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. Declaration of Policy - It is the policy of the State to promote the welfare, safety, and development of teachers by providing accessible, affordable, and quality nursery and childcare services in schools or within its vicinity.

This Act seeks to recognize the valuable role teachers play in molding future generations and to support their work-life balance effectively.

Sec. 2. Definition of Terms -

- a) Nursery and Childcare Facility - refers to a structured learning and care environment where young children receive age-appropriate care and education from qualified professionals;
- b) Teacher - refers to individuals engaged in the art and science of teaching public schools within the Philippines;
- c) School - refers to any public educational institution offering pre-elementary, elementary, secondary or tertiary education in the Philippines.

Sec. 3. Establishment of Childcare Facilities Near Public Schools -

- a) All public schools are mandated to establish a nursery and childcare facility within their premises or within reasonable vicinity not more than one (1) kilometer from the school for the benefit of their teachers.
- b) The nursery and childcare facilities should be designed based on the standards set by the DepEd, the DSWD, and in consultation with the Local Government Units (LGUs) concerned.
- c) The school-based nursery and childcare facilities should be supervised and monitored by DepEd and DSWD in accordance with their respective mandates.

Sec 4. Annual Evaluation - An annual evaluation shall be conducted by the DepEd and the DSWD to assess the effectiveness, affordability, and accessibility of these childcare facilities, monitor service delivery, and identify areas for improvement.

Sec. 5. Funding. - The necessary funding for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the DepEd and the DSWD's allocation in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). Additional funds for the nursery and childcare facilities may be sourced from donations, sponsorships, and other legally permissible means, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations.

Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The DepEd, in coordination with the DSWD and relevant stakeholders, shall develop the implementing rules and regulations to guide the establishment, management, and funding of the nursery and childcare facilities, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 7. *Separability Clause.* - Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid and shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,