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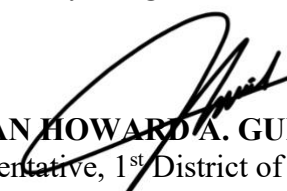
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 5, Article XIV of the Constitution recognizes that the State shall “enhance the right of teachers to professional advancement,” and that the State shall “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 salaries of both public and private school teachers are, more often than not, insufficient to allow them to pursue master’s and doctorate programs. Enabling our teachers to improve their knowledge and teaching skills through these programs will ensure they are better equipped to educate our Filipino youth. This, in turn, guarantees that our learners receive the highest quality of education. Moreover, the completion of post-graduate studies shall also provide our teachers with greater opportunities for career advancement and promotion.

This proposed measure seeks to provide free post-graduate education to our public and private school teachers with at least two consecutive years of teaching experience prior to the date of the application for further education. Through this measure, teachers will have a chance to improve their educational and professional growth, and consequently, ensure that our Filipino learners are provided with quality education.

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


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AN ACT
GRANTING FREE POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION TO PUBLIC
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AND UNIVERSITIES AND LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “*Free Post-Graduate Education for Teachers Act.*”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the professional growth of public and private school teachers. The State policy of promoting and improving teachers’ terms of employment and career prospects in order that they may compare favorably with existing opportunities in other walks of life and to attract and retain in the teaching profession more people with the proper qualifications, it being recognized that advance in education depends on the qualifications and ability of the teaching staff and that education is an essential factor in the economic growth of the nation as a productive investment of importance.

SEC. 3. *Free post-graduate education in all State Colleges and Universities (SUCs) and Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs).* Tuition and miscellaneous fees shall not be charged from teachers during their post-graduate studies.

SEC. 4. *Coverage.* The right to free post-graduate studies shall be extended to teachers in public and private schools.

SEC. 5. *Eligibility.* Public and private school teachers must be active in the service and have rendered at least two consecutive years of teaching prior to the date of the

application of said grant. They must also they pass the entrance examination and other admission and retention requirements of the SUCs and LUCs.

SEC. 6. *Implementation.* The Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be the implementing agencies for this Act and must, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to ensure its efficient and effective implementation. For this purpose, they are hereby mandated to consult teachers' organizations and accredited teachers' unions.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of CHED, and the SUCs and LUCs. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The Department of Budget and Management is mandated to include in the annual national expenditure program the proposals of the SUCs and LUCs necessary for the grant of the free post-graduate education provided under this Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* Any Laws, decrees, or laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,