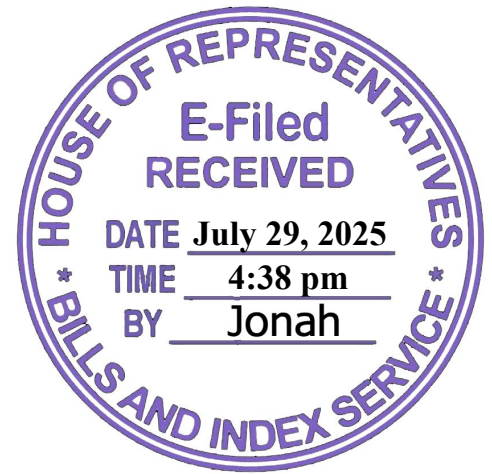




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HOUSE BILL NO. 2523



Introduced by Representative Giselle Mary L. Maceda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 2(1) of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that "The State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society." This constitutional duty requires the State to ensure that every Filipino has access to quality education that addresses the evolving needs of society and prepares learners for a rapidly changing world.

In response to this constitutional mandate, Republic Act No. 10533, known as the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", was enacted with the objective of improving the quality of basic education in the Philippines. This landmark law introduced a K-12 system, which extended the basic education cycle to include Kindergarten and Senior High School, ensuring a more comprehensive education for all Filipino students.

Despite the advancements made under RA 10533, recent international assessments, such as the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), have highlighted concerning trends in the performance of Filipino students. Specifically, there has been a marked decline in reading literacy, mathematics literacy, and other key areas of learning. This decline reflects the urgent need to reassess and potentially reform existing pedagogical approaches in order to improve student outcomes.

The current framework in RA 10533 mandates the use of the *spiral progression approach* in the curriculum, which aims to ensure mastery of knowledge

and skills at each grade level. While this approach has its merits, it may not fully address the diverse learning needs of students, nor does it allow for sufficient flexibility in adapting teaching methods to the specific context of each learner.

This bill seeks to amend Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10533 by granting the Department of Education (DepEd) greater flexibility in determining the pedagogical approaches to be implemented in the basic education curriculum. By allowing DepEd the discretion to adapt and revise the teaching methodologies used in schools, this bill aims to ensure that the educational system remains dynamic, relevant, and responsive to the diverse needs of Filipino learners.

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



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AN ACT
ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE FLEXIBILITY TO
DETERMINE THE PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES TO BE IMPLEMENTED
IN THE BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013"

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10533, otherwise known as the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. Curriculum Development. – xxx.

"xxx.

"xxx.

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"(a) xxx

"(b) xxx

"(c) xxx

“(d) xxx

“(e) xxx

“(f) xxx

“(g) The curriculum shall **EMPLOY THE APPROACH DEEMED MOST EFFECTIVE BY THE DEPED** to ensure mastery of knowledge and skills after each level: **PROVIDED, THAT THE CURRICULUM AND APPROACH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REVIEW OF NOT LESS THAN ONCE EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS, UNLESS COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATE AN EARLIER PERIOD, TO DETERMINE THEIR RELEVANCY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN ACHIEVING THE EDUCATIONAL GOALS;** and

“(h) xxx. “

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or any part thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,