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HOUSE BILL NO. **4546**



Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

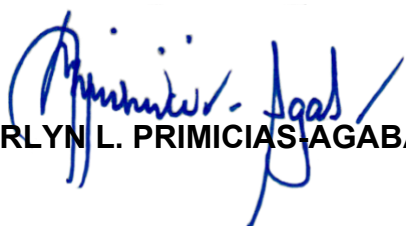
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to address the critical need for reliable internet connectivity among public school teachers in the Philippines, which has become even more urgent with the advent of the blended learning system. With the global shift towards digital education, public school teachers must be equipped with the necessary tools to effectively deliver lessons, communicate with students, and engage in professional development. Yet, many teachers in the country continue to face challenges in accessing affordable and consistent internet service, which directly impacts their ability to fulfill their duties under the Department of Education's (DepEd) learning frameworks.

This bill proposes the allocation of a monthly internet allowance of P1,500 to every public school teacher in the Philippines, as an essential support to help them perform their roles effectively in an increasingly digital world. The grant of this allowance is designed to ensure that teachers are not left behind in terms of technology access, especially in light of the ongoing challenges brought about by the pandemic. The allowance will assist teachers in covering the costs of internet subscriptions, which is now a fundamental requirement for carrying out their teaching responsibilities.

By providing this internet allowance, we are not only empowering teachers to do their jobs more effectively but also reinforcing the importance of supporting our educators as they navigate the evolving landscape of education. This bill aligns with the government's commitment to promote and improve the social and economic status of public school teachers, as stated in *Section 1, Republic Act No. 4670* or the *Magna Carta for Public School Teachers*. Moreover, it demonstrates our recognition of the vital role teachers play in shaping the future of our nation.

This measure is a step forward in ensuring that our teachers are not left behind in the digital divide and that they can continue to inspire and educate the next generation of Filipinos with the necessary tools at their disposal.


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AN ACT
GRANTING MONTHLY INTERNET ALLOWANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS TO SUPPORT BLENDED LEARNING AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR
ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** This Act shall be known as “**The Internet Allowance for Public School Teachers Act of 2025**”

SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared that the policy of the State to promote 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 provide quality education and to ensure that our teachers are given the support they need in the undertaking of their profession, the State shall provide every public-school teacher an Internet allowance to fulfill the objectives of the blended learning program. It is also hereby declared that enabling every public-school teacher to have a reliable Internet connection is an indispensable component of the functions of the State in improving learning instruction and the delivery of education.

SEC. 3. **Internet Allowance.** An Internet Allowance of P1,500 per month is hereby granted to all public school teachers.

SEC. 4. **Coverage.** The Internet Allowance shall be granted to teachers as defined by Republic Act 4670 or *The Magna Carta for Public School Teachers Act*.

SEC. 5. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Department of Education and the Department of Budget and Management shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the faithful and effective implementation of the provisions of this Act within thirty (30) days from the date of its effectivity.

Failure of the agencies to comply with the mandate under this Section will render the responsible officials liable under the relevant administrative and criminal laws.

SEC. 6. **Appropriations.** Upon effectivity of this Act, the amounts necessary for its

implementation shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, the funds shall be provided in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 1. **Periodic Review for Increases.** The Secretary of Education is hereby mandated to conduct a periodic review of the Internet Allowance, taking into account the current rates of Internet service subscription plans, and if warranted, recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance.

SEC. 8. **Separability Clause.** Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. **Repealing Clause.** Any provision of laws, orders, agreements, rules, or regulations contrary to and inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. **Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication either in the *Official Gazette*, or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,