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HOUSE BILL NO. 4862



Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality, accessible, adequate and relevant education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. The State shall make education as a political component of human capital development, socio-economic equality, inclusive growth, sustainable development, and fulfilment of human rights.

Likewise, the State adheres to the constitutional mandate of giving importance to the crucial role of education, science, and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism, nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. It is for this purpose that Republic Act 11899 or the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) Act was enacted.

Since its inception, EDCOM II has fulfilled its legislative mandate to produce data-driven, systemic initiatives aimed at comprehensive education reforms in the Philippines. The Commission has conducted research studies, field assessments, and has engaged in multi-stakeholder consultations involving learners, teachers, parents, government agencies, local government units, and policymakers. To date, it has produced two reports, namely: "*Miseducation: The Failed System of Philippine Education*" and "*Fixing the Foundations: A Matter of National Survival*." These reports articulated the structural inefficiencies and defects that continue to hinder progress in Philippine education.

Over the past three years, EDCOM II has offered concrete, actionable recommendations—many of which have already been translated into policy shifts and enacted legislation. The Commission has served as a critical convenor, bringing together key education stakeholders, building trust, shaping consensus, and has helped the nation listen, align, and act on urgent measures to reform education.

With the forthcoming third report, much remains to be done to effectively address other equally critical challenges in education. Extending EDCOM II's mandate for an additional year will enable the Commission to ensure continuity of reform, provide sustained technical guidance on pending and emerging issues, and oversee the implementation of the policies and recommendations laid out in the past years. Furthermore, this will help sustain policy momentum and build on the foundation laid not only by institutions but by tireless work of education experts, researchers, and public servants who have supported the Commission's mission.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL
COMMISSION ON EDUCATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11899, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “SECOND CONGRESSIONAL
COMMISSION ON EDUCATION (EDCOM II) ACT”

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 11899, otherwise known as the
2 “Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) Act”, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 “Section 6. Duration of EDCOM II. – The Commission shall
5 accomplish its mandate within three (3) years from its organization. It
6 shall organize itself and commence its mandate upon the effectivity of
7 this Act.

8 **UPON COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL THREE-YEAR**
9 **MANDATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONTINUE TO OPERATE**
10 **FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE**
11 **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING FURTHER RESEARCH**
12 **AND CONSULTATIONS AS NECESSARY, AS WELL AS**
13 **OVERSIGHT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL**
14 **EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANS.**
15 **DURING THIS PERIOD, THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK**
16 **CLOSELY WITH RELEVANT AGENCIES, STAKEHOLDERS, AND**
17 **SECTORS TO ENSURE THE ALIGNMENT OF EDUCATION AND**
18 **TRAINING SYSTEMS WITH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND**
19 **LABOR MARKET NEEDS, AND THAT LONG-TERM REFORMS**
20 **ARE INSTITUTIONALIZED.”**

1 **SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
2 executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions
3 of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

6 Approved,