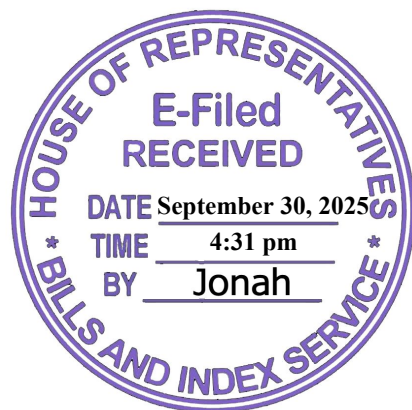




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HOUSE BILL NO. 5017



**Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez,
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act 11899 was passed into law in July 2022, creating EDCOM II, with the mandate of conducting a “comprehensive national assessment and evaluation of the performance of the Philippine education sector for the purpose of recommending transformative, concrete and targeted reforms in the sector with the end in view of making the Philippines globally competitive in both education and labor markets” in the next three years, from 2023 to 2025.¹

EDCOM II follows in the footsteps of the First Congressional Commission on Education, established by a Joint Resolution of the Eighth Philippine Congress on June 17, 1990. The findings from EDCOM I answered the need to make the Philippine Education Sector more responsive, efficient, equitable, competent, and effective.

¹ EDCOM 2. (2025, September 27).

Extending the mandate of EDCOM II will provide the opportunity to conduct more in-depth studies, cover a broader range of education concerns, and develop sound, evidence-based policy proposals to champion the education sector and secure the future of the students. Furthermore, the extension will allow the Commission to guide the shift from assessment to the first steps of reform, making sure its recommendations are put into action and not just written in reports.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill 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:*

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

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

UPON COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL THREE-YEAR

MANDATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING FURTHER RESEARCH AND CONSULTATIONS AS NECESSARY, AS WELL AS OVERSIGHT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANS. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK CLOSELY WITH RELEVANT AGENCIES, STAKEHOLDERS, AND SECTORS TO ENSURE THE ALIGNMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEMS WITH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR MARKET NEEDS, AND THAT LONG-TERM REFORMS ARE INSTITUTIONALIZED.”

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

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

Approved,