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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article XII, Section 17 provides: "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

Further, Section 13 of the same Article recognizes "the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

Teachers play a crucial role in attaining the aforementioned State policies. However, due to the prevailing economic circumstances, including the erosion of purchasing power due to inflation, there is a need to update the salaries, and benefits of teachers in the private schools to ensure that no teacher is left behind as we improve the quality of education for Filipino leaders by ensuring that teachers in the private schools are sufficiently provided for their needs to be able to teach quality, equitable, culture-based and complete basic, secondary, and tertiary education so we can have more productive and patriotic citizens as we build our nation.

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


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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING ALLOWANCE FOR
PRIVATE TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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 “Teaching Allowance for Private Teachers Act.”

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Towards this end, the State shall provide assistance to private teachers by covering the expenses necessary for the delivery of quality education in the primary, secondary, and tertiary education.

Section 3. *Coverage.* - This grant of cash allowance authorized in this Act shall cover all private school teachers in the primary, secondary, and tertiary education who are engaged in the teaching profession for a minimum period of one (1) continuous year of service.

Section 4. *Teaching Allowance.* - All private school teachers in the primary, secondary, and tertiary education shall be granted an annual Teaching Allowance of Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for the purchase of tangible or intangible teaching supplies and materials, the payment of incidental expenses, and the implementation or conduct of various learning delivery modalities. This Teaching Allowance shall not be subject to income tax.

Section 5. *Appropriations.* - The initial amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current budget of the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education respectively. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the aforementioned agencies.

Section 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction, proclamations or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,