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HOUSE BILL NO. 5333



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE MA. NINA FRANCESCA P. LACSON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution provides that “The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.” The State recognizes that quality education is essential in nation-building as it fosters a responsible, skilled, and literate citizenry. To realize this goal, the State must ensure that educational facilities and learning environments are conducive to meaningful learning and effective teaching.

The Department of Education (DepEd) reported that during School Year 2017–2018, the teacher-to-student ratio stood at 1:31 in the elementary level, 1:36 in junior high school, and 1:31 in senior high school. By School Year 2023–2024, DepEd maintained an average ratio of 1:40, despite ongoing efforts to recruit more teachers. The system continued to face a shortage of around 86,000 educators. These figures highlight the persistent challenge of overcrowded classrooms, which limit teachers’ ability to provide individualized attention and quality instruction to every learner.

This bill seeks to institutionalize an ideal class size of not more than thirty (30) students. Classes exceeding thirty (30) but not more than forty-five (45) students shall be considered large classes, while class sizes beyond forty-five (45) shall be strictly prohibited. Furthermore, teachers handling large classes shall be entitled to additional compensation.

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


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**AN ACT STANDARDIZING THE APPROPRIATE CLASS SIZE
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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 “Standard Class Size for Public Schools Act.”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the Senate to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education by ensuring that students are given the appropriate environment that is conducive for learning and that public school teachers are provided appropriate teaching condition.

Section 3. Coverage. – This Act shall cover all public schools and public school teachers under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education (DepEd).

Section 4. Standard Class Size. - All classes in all public schools nationwide shall have an international class size standard of 30 students. Classes exceeding 30 students up shall be considered a large class.

Section 5. Large Class Size. – Any class exceeding 30 students up to a maximum of 45 students shall be considered a large class. In no case shall a class size exceed 45 students.

Section 6. Additional Compensation for Large Class Size Teachers. – A teacher handling a large class shall be entitled for additional compensation equivalent to twenty percent (20%) of her daily rate every five (5) students in excess of the standard class size of 30.

Section 7. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual appropriations for the Department of Education in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Department of Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for implementation of this Act within a period of thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

Section 9. Separability Clause. - If any provision or portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,