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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. To equip teachers mould productive members of society and promote the total human liberation and development Republic Act No. 11977 was passed by the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives on March 13, 2024 and signed into law by the President on May 31, 2024.

Section 3 of Republic Act No. 11977 also known as the "Kabalikat sa Pagtuturo Act" provided that the law shall "cover all public school teachers who are engaged in basic education curriculum, consistent with the policy guidelines and learning delivery modalities recognized and implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd)." The implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 11977 was issued by the Secretary of the Department of Education on August 7, 2024. However, after a year when Republic Act No. 11977 took effect, public school teachers in locally owned and operated schools did not receive teaching allowance.

Hence, the filing of this bill so that public school teachers appointed by local chief executives in locally owned and operated schools whose salaries are fully/partially paid out of local funds and without any national government subsidy shall be entitled to receive teaching allowance for after all the objective of the law is to ensure that no public school teacher is left behind as we improve the quality of education in the Philippines.


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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11977, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “KABALIKAT SA PAGTUTURO ACT,” BROADENING THE COVERAGE OF TEACHING ALLOWANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO INCLUDE THOSE IN THE TERTIARY LEVEL AND THOSE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS APPOINTED BY LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED SCHOOLS WHOSE SALARIES ARE FULLY OR PARTIALLY PAID OUT OF LOCAL FUNDS AND WITHOUT ANY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 3 of Republic Act. No. 11977 otherwise known as the “*Kabalikat sa Pagtuturo Act*,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**Section 3. Coverage.** - This grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act shall cover all public school teachers [who are engaged in basic education curriculum, consistent with the policy guidelines and learning delivery modalities recognized and implemented] APPOINTED by the Department of Education (DepEd) THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, AND LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED SCHOOLS.”

Section 2. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction, proclamations, department orders, circulars and administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,