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HOUSE BILL NO. 6225

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Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

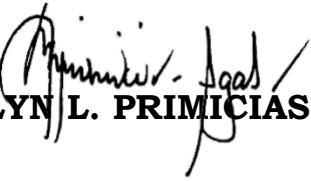
This bill seeks to regulate class size in all public schools in accordance with reasonable class size standards fitting and appropriate to public school teachers.

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 (Section 1, Article XIV, 1987 Constitution). The state shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment (Section 5[5], Article XIV, 1987 Constitution). To this end, the State shall enact measures that shall advance the economic welfare of our teaching personnel.

Across the country, public school teachers are burdened by grossly oversized classes. This has effectively contributed to the decline in the quality of education. Regardless of our teachers' personal capacity to teach, oversized classes naturally zap their mental and physical strength. Notwithstanding this flaw, our public school teachers continue to perform their function, albeit underpaid, all in the interest of public service. To some, it has led to serious illnesses which has compromised not only their personal health but their families as well. Worse, no corresponding increase in their salaries were given except for the simple and sheer notion of knowing that they have contributed largely to the betterment of their students and the country as a whole.

The State mandates the protection of our teachers. They deserve no less.

Hence, this earnest request for the immediate passage of this bill.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**REGULATING CLASS SIZE IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION. 1. Title.** This Act shall be known as “The Public School Class Size Law.”

**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. It is likewise declared that the State shall provide just compensation and humane working conditions for public school teachers.

Oversized classes in the country’s public schools adversely effect the learning experience provided to Filipino schoolchildren. To ensure access to quality education, it is necessary to establish standards for class size.

For their part, teachers are entitled to protection from unregulated increases in class size as well as to compensation commensurate to their actual workload.

**SECTION 3. Coverage.** This Act shall apply to all classes in all public schools of the Department of Education, and to all classroom teachers therein, whether paid by the national or local government.

**SECTION 4. Standard Class Size.** Each class to be handled by a single teacher shall have a standard size of 35 students. For purposes of this Act, any class with no more than 35 students shall be considered a standard class.

**SECTION 5. Large Class Size.** Any class exceeding 35 students up to a maximum of 50 students shall be considered a large class. In no case shall a class size in excess of 50 students be permitted.

**SECTION 6. Large Class Honorarium.** A Teacher handling a large class shall be entitled to large class honorarium equivalent to one percent (1.0%) of her daily rate for every student in excess of the standard class size of 35.

This formula shall apply to all classes assigned to the teacher during the school year.

**SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulation.** The Department of Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act within a period of sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

**SECTION 8. Appropriations.** The amount of Five Billion Pesos (P5,000,000,000) is hereby appropriated for the initial implementation of this Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the appropriations for the Department of Education in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional, all other provisions not effected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws. Decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,