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House Bill No. 6720



Introduced by **Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant a fifteen percent (15%) increase in the monthly pensions of retired public school teachers covered by Presidential Decree No. 1146 or the "*Revised Government Service Insurance Act Of 1977*". This adjustment is intended to uphold the State's duty to recognize the immeasurable contributions of our educators and to ensure that their pensions provide a minimum standard of dignity and financial security.

Public school teachers have long been at the forefront of nation-building, dedicating their lives to shaping generations of Filipinos. Yet many of those who retired under PD 1146 prior to the passage of the *GSIS Act of 1997* (RA 8291) continue to receive pension benefits based on the old law which provides a significantly lower sum compared to the amount that retirees under the new law receive. Pensions received by PD 1146 public school teachers retirees have not kept pace with inflation, rising healthcare costs, and the financial realities of old age.

According to recent publicly available data, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) administers pensions to over 640,000 old-age and survivorship pensioners nationwide. While this total covers retirees from all government agencies, a significant proportion are former public school teachers, who historically constitute one of the largest sectors within the GSIS membership. Those who retired before June 24, 1997 under PD 1146 represent a vulnerable subset whose pension levels have lagged far behind present economic conditions.

By improving the pension benefits of these retirees, the State affirms its continuing commitment to honor their years of service and to safeguard their welfare in their senior years. With the premises mentioned, the prompt passage of this measure is therefore earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSIONS OF RETIRED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “REVISED GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE ACT OF 1977”

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 “*Presidential Decree No. 1146 (PD 1146) Public School Teachers Retirees Pension Increase Act*”.

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State to recognize the invaluable contribution of public school teachers to national development and to promote their social welfare and dignity, even after retirement. Toward this end, the State shall ensure that their pensions reflect a minimum standard of dignity and financial security.

Sec. 3. *Coverage.* – This Act shall apply to retired public school teachers receiving monthly pensions under the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) who were separated from government service before June 24, 1997 under Presidential Decree No. 1146 otherwise known as the “Revised Government Service Insurance Act of 1977”.

Sec. 4. *Increase in Monthly Pension.* – All qualified retired public school teachers shall receive a fifteen percent (15%) increase in their current monthly pension.

Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the GSIS and the DBM shall, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,