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HOUSE BILL NO. 6722



Introduced by Representative Giselle Mary L. Maceda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide free post-graduate education to public and private school teachers state colleges and universities and local universities and colleges.

It is undeniable that the teachers are constrained to pursue post-graduate education, it is due to their limited time brought by heavy teaching workloads and the burden of financial resources. These constraints hinder their capacity to further develop their professional advancement and often making it appear unattainable.

According to Section 4 and 5, Article XIV of the Constitution it recognizes that the State shall “enhance the right of teachers to professional advancement”, 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.”

Guided by the constitutional provision, it is the responsibility of the State to ensure that educators are afforded with opportunities for continuous professional growth and advancement.

The State, by providing free post-graduate education among teachers will create a significant economic and social impact in the country. It is because while the teachers become more equipped with advanced knowledge and skills, they not only elevate their professional and academic qualifications but it also translates to strengthens foundation of our education system. Thus, through improved quality education, it leads to develops well-prepared and competent students who are capable of engaging effectively in the professional world setting.

Furthermore, it is significant to highlight that the teachers serve as the backbone of our nation. The continuous commitment of the State to empower the teachers reflects the strong support and recognition of their vital role in shaping the future generation.

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



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AN ACT
GRANTING FREE POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION TO PUBLIC AND
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AND LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND PROVIDING 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 “*Free Post-Graduate Education for Teachers Act.*”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the professional growth of public and private school teachers. The State policy of promoting and improving teachers’ terms of employment and career prospects in order that they may compare favorably with existing opportunities in other walks of life and to attract and retain in the teaching profession more people with the proper qualifications, it being recognized that advance in education depends on the qualifications and ability of the teaching staff and that education is an essential factor in the economic growth of the nation as a productive investment of importance.

SECTION 3. *Free post-graduate education in all State Colleges and Universities (SUCs) and Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs).* Tuition and miscellaneous fees shall not be charged from teachers during their post-graduate studies.

SECTION 4. *Coverage.* The right to free post-graduate studies shall be extended to teachers in public and private schools.

SECTION 5. *Eligibility.* Public and private school teachers must be active in the service and have rendered at least two consecutive years of teaching prior to the date of the admission and retention requirements of the SUCs and LUCs.

SECTION 6. *Implementation.* The Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be the implementing agencies for this Act and must, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to ensure its efficient and effective implementation. For this purpose, they are hereby mandated to consult teachers' organizations and accredited teachers' unions.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of CHED, and the SUCs and LUCs. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The Department of Budget and Management is mandated to include in the annual national expenditure program the proposals of the SUCs and LUCs necessary for the grant of the free post-graduate education provided under this Act.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* Any Laws, decrees, or laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,