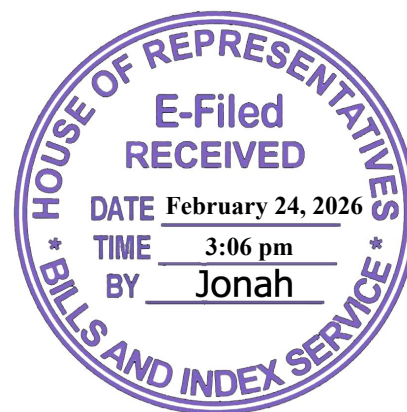


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8051

**Introduced by AKBAYAN Representatives PERCIVAL V. CENDAÑA,
JOSE MANUEL TADEO "CHEL" I. DIOKNO, and DADAH KIRAM ISMULA and
Dinagat Islands Representative KAKA BAG-AO**

**AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN
PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being according to Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

In line with this, Republic Act No. 11037 or the "Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Bawat Batang Pilipino Act" is enacted into law which aims to institutionalize a national feeding program for undernourished children in day care centers and in public schools from Kindergarten to Grade 6.

However, the prevalence of malnutrition among Filipino children is still rampant at an alarming rate. According to the Year 3 Report of the Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2), 23.6% of children aged under five (5) years old are stunted and 5.6% are wasted, impairing cognitive development. In addition, the prevalence of stunting among poorest households reaches 42%. Further, more than 140,000 nutritionally-at-risk pregnant adolescents begin motherhood already facing lifelong disadvantages. Meanwhile, around 200,000 malnourished children aged 2-4 are not

served by DSWD's Supplemental Feeding Program, due to funding that still falls short of what is required to address persistent child malnutrition.

Hence, this bill is filed to amend Republic Act No. 11037 to expand coverage to Filipino children aged 2 years old in the DSWD Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP), and nutritionally-at-risk pregnant adolescents in the DepEd School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP). The said measure is also included in the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) Common Legislative Agenda (CLA) priority bills for passage.

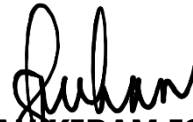
In the view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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

Section 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. National Feeding Program. - The National Feeding Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program, is hereby established to address undernutrition among Filipino children.

The Program shall have the following components and coverage:

(a) Supplemental Feeding Program for Day Care Children. - The DSWD, in coordination with the LGUs concerned, shall implement a supplemental feeding program for under nourished children with ages [~~three-(3)~~] **TWO (2)** to five (5) years. The program shall be administered in day care centers or in any other facility which can be used for such purpose: Provided, That the Program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal for a period of not less than one hundred [~~twenty-(120)~~] **EIGHTY (180)** days in a year: Provided,

1 further, That in the preparation of fortified meals, the DSWD shall work in
2 collaboration with recognized parents' organizations;
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4 (b) School-Based Feeding Program. - The DepEd[~~D~~]d shall implement a school-
5 based feeding program for undernourished public school children from
6 kindergarten to grade six (6): Provided, That the Program shall include the
7 provision of at least one (1) fortified meal to all undernourished public
8 elementary school children for a period of not less than [~~twenty (120)~~] **EIGHTY**
9 **(180)** days in a year[~~;~~]; **PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT SUBJECT TO**
10 **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, SECONDARY BENEFICIARIES WHICH**
11 **INCLUDE CURRENTLY ENROLLED NUTRITIONALLY-AT-RISK**
12 **ADOLESCENT PREGNANT MOTHERS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS,**
13 **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, OTHER MARGINALIZED OR**
14 **VULNERABLE GROUPS INCLUDING INDIGENOUS LEARNERS AS**
15 **DEFINED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11510 (ALTERNATIVE**
16 **LEARNING SYSTEM ACT), LEARNERS PARTICIPATING IN REMEDIAL,**
17 **INTERVENTIONAND SUPPLEMENTARY LEARNING PROGRAMS, AND**
18 **UNDERNOURISHED STUDENTS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION**
19 **ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AMONG OTHERS, MAY BE COVERED**
20 **UNDER THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM.**
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22 **Section 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** Within one hundred twenty
23 (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, DepEd, DILG, and relevant
24 agencies shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary to
25 ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Act:
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27 **Section 3. *Transitory Provision.*** Within six (6) months from the effectivity of
28 this Act, the DSWD, DepEd, DILG, and relevant agencies shall each update their
29 respective and existing policies, rules, and regulations in light of and relevant to this
30 Act.
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32 **Section 4. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision of this Act is declared
33 unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue in force.
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35 **Section 5. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws inconsistent with this Act are repealed
36 or amended accordingly.
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38 **Section 6. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in
39 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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41 *Approved,*