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HOUSE BILL NO. 10525



Introduced by **Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to ensure that government policies pertaining to book development and publishing keep pace with technological advancement. In this light, it seeks to propose amendments to Republic Act No. 8047 or the "Book Publishing Industry Act."

RA 8047 was enacted on June 7, 1995 to promote the growth and development of the Philippine publishing industry. Recognizing books as indispensable instruments for education, culture, and national development, the law established the National Book Development Board (NBDB) and adopted a national policy to encourage the creation, production, and distribution of quality books. It likewise strengthened the participation of the private sector in the country's publishing industry.

More than three decades since its enactment, R.A. No. 8047 no longer adequately responds to the realities and demands of the modern publishing landscape. More specifically, the law does not sufficiently recognize the emergence of digital publishing, electronic books, digital learning resources, and other evolving formats that now form an integral part of education and the creative economy.

One of the principal objectives of RA 8047 is to strengthen the production and supply of quality textbooks for public schools through greater private sector participation. However, this objective remains far from being fully realized as the education sector continues to experience persistent shortages in textbooks. According to the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II), the policy on book publishing fails to provide a framework for the sufficient, sustainable, and efficient provision of textbooks for schools.

Amidst improvements in book content development and its procurement, these continuing insufficiencies in the public education system highlight the urgency of modernizing the law. Hence, the proposed measure restructures the organizational framework and institutional mechanisms initially established under the law to expand the manpower capacity and to mainstream the day-to-day operations of the NBDB.

EDCOM II also noted that NBDB-registered book enterprises are "heavily concentrated" in Luzon with "very sparse presence" in the Visayas and Mindanao islands.¹ Data from EDCOM II show that in Visayas, there are no publishing-related enterprises in the northern provinces, while Mindanao only has a handful of publishers and even printers for

books. This shows that book publishers and sellers in the regions remain in the peripheries and lack government support. Likewise, this manifests as an additional logistical burden in book distribution for the public education sector.

Ironically, policy and institutional shortcomings persist despite the remarkable growth of the Philippine Publishing Industry. The industry concluded 2023 by producing 10,297 International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs), the highest recorded output in the past decade. The country's creative trade has likewise demonstrated sustained expansion, with total trade value increasing from US\$30.06 million in 2020 to US\$45.7 million in 2023, while reaching US\$40.08 million by the second quarter of 2024.¹ These milestones underscore the resilience, competitiveness, and growing international presence of Filipino publishers, authors, and creators. They likewise demonstrate that the industry has the capacity to contribute even more significantly to national development if supported by a modern and responsive legal framework.

It is therefore imperative to update RA 8047 to address these issues and concerns. It is in this light that the bill seeks to:

- Modernize the definitions of books, textbooks, and related publishing concepts to recognize both print and digital formats;
- Strengthen the National Book Development Board by enhancing its structure, composition, and powers;
- Institutionalize a National Textbook and Learning Resources Plan for the procurement and periodic review of curriculum-aligned learning resources;
- Establish Textbook Review Committees to improve the evaluation and selection of public school textbooks and teachers' manuals;
- Establish the Book Academy to strengthen the capacity of publishing practitioners; and
- Institutionalize annual Regional Book Fairs to promote Philippine publications, support local publishers, and expand readership.

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


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¹ Philippines Frankfurt 2025. "Philippine Literary and Publishing Landscape 2024: An Overview."
<https://philippinesfrankfurt2025.com/publishing-in-the-philippines/>.

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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT BOARD,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8047 OR THE BOOK
PUBLISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8047, otherwise known as the “*Book Publishing Industry Development Act*,” is hereby amended and alphabetized to read as follows:

“SEC 3. *Definition of Terms* – For purposes of this Act, the terms below shall be construed to mean, except where explicitly indicated or where the context clearly indicated or where the context clearly indicates otherwise, as follows:

- a. Book – [as defined by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), a printed non-periodical publication of at least forty-eight (48) pages, exclusive of cover pages, published in the country and made available to the public.] **SHALL REFER TO A NON-PERIODICAL PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION, OTHER THAN PUBLICATIONS WHOLLY OR PREDOMINANTLY DEVOTED TO ADVERTISING, AND OTHER THAN PUBLICATIONS WHOLLY OR PREDOMINANTLY CONSISTING OF VIDEO CONTENT OR AUDIBLE MUSIC, PUBLISHED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THIS DEFINITION SHALL INCLUDE THE PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL FORMATS OF A BOOK AND SUCH OTHER SIMILAR FORMATS AS MAY BE FURTHER DETERMINED BY THE SUBSEQUENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

- B. BOOK DEVELOPMENT – A CONDITION NOT ONLY FOR HAVING MORE OUTPUT BUT ALSO DIFFERENT KINDS OF OUTPUTS THAN WERE PREVIOUSLY PRODUCED, AS WELL AS CHANGES IN THE TECHNICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL**

ARRANGEMENTS BY WHICH OUTPUT IS PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED.

C. Book Publishing – x x x.

D. Book Title – [refers to a particular book of which a number of copies are printed.] **AS DEFINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS, REFERS TO A PARTICULAR INTELLECTUAL OR ARTISTIC WORK EXPRESSED IN ONE OR SEVERAL EDITIONS AND MANIFESTED IN ONE OR SEVERAL FORMATS.**

E. National Book Policy – x x x.

F. National Book Development Plan – x x x.

G. National Development – x x x.

H. **NATIONAL TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING RESOURCES PLAN – A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT INCLUDES SPECIFIC POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND MEASURES ON THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND LEARNING RESOURCES.**

I. Related Activities – x x x.

J. **TEXTBOOK** – [a book which is an exposition of generally accepted principles in one (1) subject, intended primarily as a basis for instruction in a classroom or pupil-book-teacher situation.] **SHALL REFER TO A BOOK WHICH SERVES AS A PRIMARY RESOURCE OF INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION, DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE USE OF STUDENTS ON A PARTICULAR SUBJECT OR FIELD OF STUDY THAT IS USUALLY DEVELOPED BASED ON A SYLLABUS AND GEARED TOWARDS MEETING SPECIFIC QUALITY AND LEARNING REQUIREMENTS. TEXTBOOKS PERTAIN TO AN INSTRUCTIONAL SEQUENCE BASED ON AN ORGANIZED CURRICULUM.”**

SEC. 2. Section 7 of R.A. 8047 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. Governing Board; Composition; Terms, Powers and Functions. – There is hereby created a National Book Development Board (NBDB) hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be [under the administrative supervision of the Office of the President. The Governing Board shall be composed of eleven (11) members who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.] **ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ELEVEN (11) MEMBERS, FIVE (5) OF WHICH SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAS), AND SIX (6) SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVES**

OF ORGANIZATIONS OF PRIVATE BOOK PUBLISHERS AND PRINTERS.

THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM NGAS SHALL BE DULY DESIGNATED BY THEIR DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES, WHILE THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES.

The eleven (11) members shall be composed of:

- a. Five (5) representatives of the government to be chosen from the [Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)] **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)**, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA), and nominees by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA) from the academe and training institutions, respectively; and
- b. Six (6) representatives from the nominees of organizations of private book publishers, printers, writers, book industry-related activities, students and the private education sector, preferably representatives of the three (3) main islands of the country, in view of the substantial progress made by other regions in the book publishing industry.

The appointees to the Board shall be one of the three (3) nominees of the concerned nationwide organizations duly incorporated with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and with membership, whenever feasible, in all the cities and provinces throughout the country.

The members of the Board shall elect a chairman from among themselves, while the [DECS] **DEPED** representative in the Board shall be the *ex officio* vice-chairman of the Board.

x x x.

x x x.

x x x.

[For administrative purposes, the Board shall be under the Office of the President.]

x x x.”

SEC. 3. Section 8 of R.A. No. 8047 is hereby amended and renumbered to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. *Powers and Functions.* – The Governing Board shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. x x x;

b. x x x;

c. [formulate policies, guidelines and mechanisms to ensure that editors, compilers and especially authors are paid justly and promptly royalties due them for reproduction of their works in any form and number and for whatever purpose;] **INSTITUTE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT TEXTBOOK MATERIALS ARE FUTURE-PROOFED AND ALIGNED WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, INTEGRATING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES, AND GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL TRENDS TO MAINTAIN THE RELEVANCE AND COMPETITIVENESS OF PHILIPPINE LEARNING RESOURCES GLOBALLY;**

[c] **D.** x x x;

[d] **E.** x x x;

[e] **F.** x x x;

[f. ask the appropriate government authority to ensure effective implementation of the National Book Development Plan;]

g. [promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act in consultation with other agencies concerned, except for Section 9 hereof on incentives for book development, which shall be the concern of appropriate agencies involved;] **COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT (DEPDEV), THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA), THE PHILIPPINE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (PCIDC), AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT PLAN;**

h. x x x;

i. x x x;

j. x x x;

l. x x x;

m. x x x;

n. x x x;

o. x x x;

p. x x x;

q. x x x.”

SEC. 4. Section 9 of R.A. No. 8047 is repealed and hereby amended to read as follows:

“[SEC. 9. *The Secretariat.* – The Board shall have a permanent Secretariat under an Executive Officer, who shall be appointed by the Board.

The authority and responsibility for the day-to-day management and direction of the operations of the affairs of the Board shall be vested in the Executive Officer. The Executive Officer shall be assisted by a Deputy Executive Officer. Both the Executive Officer and the Deputy Executive Officer shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. They shall hold office unless sooner terminated in accordance with applicable laws.

No person shall be appointed Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer of the Board unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, at least thirty (30) years of age, and of established competence and integrity.

The Executive Officer shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Execute, administer and implement the policies and measures approved by the Board;
2. Direct and manage the affairs and operations of the Board;
3. Submit within thirty (30) days after the close of every calendar year an annual report to the Board and such other reports it may require;
4. Submit an annual budget and such supplemental budgets as may be necessary to the Board for its consideration and approval;
5. Represent the Board in all transactions with other offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of government and with all persons and other entities, public or private, domestic or foreign;
6. Appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Board, and discipline for cause in accordance with Civil Service laws, rules and regulations, the Board's officers and personnel below the level of Deputy Executive Officer;
7. Delegate in writing, authority, as may be necessary, to subordinate officers and personnel of the Board; and
8. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board which, according to its sound discretion, are necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

The Deputy Executive Officer shall have the following powers and functions: assist the Executive Officer in the discharge of his powers and functions; act as Executive Officer during the Executive Officer's absence, sickness or other temporary disability; and discharge such other powers and perform such other functions as may be required by the Executive Officer or the Board.

The structural and functional organization, compensation plan, and the staffing pattern of the Secretariat shall be approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the Executive Officer. The Board may create, abolish, merge, or otherwise reorganize positions therein as may be necessary for the economical, effective and efficient discharge of its functions and responsibilities subject to existing laws.]”

“SEC. 9. NBDB MANAGEMENT. – THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AN NBDB MANAGEMENT, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MANAGEMENT. IT SHALL BE UNDER

THE LEADERSHIP OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL HAVE THE DESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR V. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL HAVE THE DESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR IV.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, FROM THE LIST OF NOMINEES DULY DELIBERATED AND SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD. THEY SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNLESS SOONER TERMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE LAWS.

NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MANAGEMENT UNLESS THEY ARE A CITIZEN OF THE PHILIPPINES, AT LEAST THIRTY (30) YEARS OF AGE, AND OF ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY."

SEC. 5. Insert new sections after Section 9 of R.A. No. 8047, which shall be the new Section 9-A, Section 9-B, and Section 9-C, which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 9-A. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. – THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:

- A. EXECUTE, ADMINISTER, AND IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES AND MEASURES AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD;**
- B. DIRECT AND MANAGE THE AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD;**
- C. SUBMIT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF EVERY CALENDAR YEAR AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD AND SUCH OTHER REPORTS IT MAY REQUIRE;**
- D. SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET AND SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL;**
- E. REPRESENT THE BOARD IN ALL TRANSACTIONS WITH OTHER OFFICES, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF GOVERNMENT AND WITH ALL PERSONS AND OTHER ENTITIES, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN;**
- F. APPOINT, SUBJECT TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE BOARD, AND DISCIPLINE FOR CAUSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIVIL SERVICE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE MANAGEMENT'S OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL BELOW THE LEVEL OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER;**

G. DELEGATE IN WRITING, AUTHORITY, AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO SUBORDINATE OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE BOARD; AND

H. PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO HIM BY THE BOARD WHICH, ACCORDING TO ITS SOUND DISCRETION, ARE NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

SEC. 9-B. *POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.* – THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:

A. ASSIST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS;

B. ACT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DURING THEIR ABSENCE, SICKNESS OR OTHER TEMPORARY DISABILITY; AND

C. DISCHARGE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE BOARD.

SEC. 9-C. *ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE MANAGEMENT.* – THE MANAGEMENT SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, WITH THEIR CORRESPONDING FUNCTIONS:

A. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD. – THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD (OGB) SHALL ACT AS THE SECRETARIAT OF THE BOARD. IT SHALL ASSIST IN THE CONDUCTING THE REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS, SENDING NOTICES OF MEETING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, RECORDING, AND DRAFTING THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS, AND COORDINATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD TO THE MANAGEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

B. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. – THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (OED) SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE AGENCY, AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 9-A OF THIS ACT.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE. – THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE (AFMS) SHALL PROVIDE THE AGENCY WITH ECONOMICAL, EFFICIENT, AND

EFFECTIVE SERVICES RELATING TO INFORMATION, RECORDS, DELIVERY AND RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, COLLECTIONS, DISBURSEMENT, SECURITY AND CUSTODIAL WORK.

- D. POLICY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH SERVICE. – THE POLICY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH SERVICE (PIRS) SHALL CONDUCT RESEARCH ON THE PHILIPPINE BOOK INDUSTRY RESULTING IN IDENTIFICATION, FORMULATION, AND PROMULGATION OF POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY.**
- E. INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE. – THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (IDS) SHALL COLLABORATE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN BUILDING AND GROWING AREAS WITHIN THE PUBLISHING INDUSTRY VALUE CHAIN AND PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT AIM TO INCREASE THE INDUSTRY BUSINESS OUTPUT.**
- F. CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE. – THE CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (CPDS) SHALL CREATE AND MANAGE PROGRAMMATIC INTERVENTIONS TAILORED FOR THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS AND SHALL ENSURE THAT PUBLISHERS ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE INDUSTRY'S LARGER VALUE CHAIN, RESULTING IN HIGH-QUALITY OUTPUT. IT SHALL MANAGE THE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION GIVEN TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING BOOKS WRITTEN, PUBLISHED, AND DESIGNED IN THE PHILIPPINES, WITH THE GOAL OF BROADENING THEIR AUDIENCE AND ENSURING THAT THESE BOOKS HAVE A PROMINENT PLACE IN PHILIPPINE LITERATURE AND CULTURE.**
- G. READERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERVICE. – THE READERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (RDS) SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER NATIONAL PROGRAMS WITH PRIMARY FOCUS ON GROWING READERS AND DEVELOPING THE CULTURE OF READING THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES AND OFFICES IN CREATING READING SPACES THAT ENSURE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE PROCESS.**

THE STRUCTURE AND STAFFING PATTERN OF THE MANAGEMENT SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE

BOARD SHALL SUBMIT THE APPROVED STRUCTURE AND STAFFING PATTERN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

THE BOARD MAY CREATE, ABOLISH, MERGE, OR OTHERWISE REORGANIZE POSITIONS THEREIN AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE ECONOMICAL, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS."

SEC. 6. Section 10 of R.A. No. 8047 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*"SEC 10. Public School and Textbook Publishing. – The [DECS] **DEPED** shall consult with the Board in prescribing the guidelines, rules and regulations in preparing the minimum learning competencies, and/or prototypes and other specifications for books required by public elementary and secondary schools.*

*The [DECS] **DEPED** shall confine itself to:*

- a. x x x;*
- b. x x x;*
- c. x x x;*
- [d. promulgating with the participation and assistance of the Board rules and regulations for the private book publishers in the call, testing, evaluation, selection, approval, as well as production specification and acquisition of public school textbooks.]*

E. JOINTLY FORMULATING WITH THE BOARD THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING RESOURCE PLAN.

The printing of public elementary and secondary school textbooks shall be done on a regional or provincial level, whenever economically feasible.

The [DECS] **DEPED** shall, within a period of not more than three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act, phase out its elementary and secondary textbook publication and distribution functions and shall support the phasing in of private sector publishers to assume [these] **SUCH PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION** functions [here]. For its part, the Board shall monitor and conduct an annual evaluation of the progress of the shift of functions from the [DECS] **DEPED** to the private sector."

SEC. 7. Insert new sections after Section 10 of R.A. No. 8047, which shall be the new Section 10-A and Section 10-B, which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 10-A. THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING RESOURCES PLAN. – THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL JOINTLY FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING RESOURCES PLAN

(TEXTBOOK PLAN), WHICH SHALL INCLUDE SPECIFIC POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND MEASURES ON THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND LEARNING RESOURCES.

THE FORMULATION OF THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

- A. FORECASTING, PLANNING, AND PREPARING THE BUDGET FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PUBLIC TEXTBOOKS;**
- B. IDENTIFYING AREAS WHERE THERE ARE GAPS AS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CURRICULUM AND AVAILABLE TEXTBOOKS, AND ADDRESSING THOSE GAPS BY BUILDING EXPERTISE THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING AND IDENTIFICATION OF LOCAL EXPERTS, AND PLANNING FOR THEIR ACQUISITION;**
- C. ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE REGULAR REVIEW OF THE TEXTBOOKS, AND FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEXTBOOK PLAN;**
- D. INSTITUTIONALIZING CONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS AMONG THE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY, NBDB, AND DEPED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC TEXTBOOKS, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE FORMULATION AND PROMULGATION OF POLICIES, STANDARDS, AND GUIDELINES FOR BOOK LEARNING RESOURCES, AND THE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF LEARNING MATERIALS FOR THE LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL TREATIES OF WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IS A PARTY TO, AND THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW;**
- E. DETERMINING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL, STRUCTURE, AND DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TEXTBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE, RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEXTBOOK PLAN.**

PUBLIC TEXTBOOKS SHALL BE REVIEWED, EVALUATED, AND IF THE NEED ARISES, REVISED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE LEARNERS, REGULARLY EVERY FIVE YEARS.

WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS UPON THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE BOARD AND THE DEPED SHALL PROMULGATE A JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR WHICH SHALL PROVIDE THE GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING RESOURCE PLAN.

SEC. 10-B. TEXTBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEES. – THE DEPED SHALL ESTABLISH TEXTBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEES, WHICH SHALL BE CHARGED WITH THE EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND TEACHERS’ MANUALS FOR PROCUREMENT AND USE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THE RESPECTIVE TEXTBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE’S SUPERVISION. THE TEXTBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE REGIONAL, DIVISION OR SCHOOL LEVEL, AS DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING RESOURCES PLAN.

WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS UPON THE ISSUANCE OF THE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR ON THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING RESOURCES PLAN, THE BOARD AND THE DEPED SHALL ISSUE A JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON THE GENERAL GUIDELINES OF THE POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES OF THE TEXTBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS, AND THEIR HONORARIA, SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING RULES AND REGULATIONS.”

SEC. 8. Section 11 of R.A. No. 8047 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*“SEC. 11. Participation of Private Publishers in the Public School Textbook Program. – Guided by the minimum learning competencies for the elementary level, the desired learning competencies for the secondary level, and other specifications [prepared by the DECS] **AS AGREED UPON IN THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING RESOURCES PLAN**, publishers shall develop and submit to the [DECS] **DEPED** those syllabi and/or prototypes and manuscripts or books intended for use in the public schools for testing, evaluation, selection and approval.*

*Upon approval of the manuscripts or books, publishers shall produce and supply the textbooks as ordered by the [DECS] **DEPED**.”*

SEC. 9. Section 12 of R.A. No. 8047 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*“SEC. 12. Incentives for Book Development. – Persons and enterprises engaged in book publishing and its related activities duly registered with the [National Book Development Board] **NBDB** shall be entitled to the applicable fiscal and non-fiscal incentives as provided for under Executive Order No. 226, otherwise known as the Omnibus Investment Code, as amended, subject to the qualifications and requirements set by the Board of Investments (BOI); *Provided*, That book development activities shall always be included in the Investment Priority Plan (IPP).*

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SEC. 10. Section 15 of R.A. No. 8047 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 15. *Transfer of Assets, Properties, Funds, And Liabilities.* – Assets, properties, and liabilities of the Instructional Material Corporation (IMC) and the Instructional Material Development Center (IMDC) [under the DECS shall be transferred to the National Book Development Board.] **THAT WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE NBDB SHALL BE ALLOCATED, UTILIZED, AND DISBURSED BY THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS PURSUANT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) SHALL JOINTLY DRAFT IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PROCESS OF UTILIZING THE ASSETS AND PROPERTIES FROM THE DEFUNCT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CORPORATION (IMC) AND THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (IMDC).”

SEC. 11. Insert new sections after Section 15 of R.A. No. 8047, which shall be the new Section 15-A and Section 15-B, which shall read as follows:

“SEC. 15-A. *THE BOOK ACADEMY.* – AN INSTITUTE CALLED ‘THE BOOK ACADEMY,’ HEREINAFTER CALLED THE ACADEMY, IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED, WHICH SHALL SERVE AS A TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR PUBLISHING PROFESSIONALS AND PEOPLE ASPIRING TO WORK IN THE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. THE NBDB SHALL BE ITS PRINCIPAL IMPLEMENTOR, IN CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA).

AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THIS LAW, NBDB, CHED, AND TESDA SHALL JOINTLY ISSUE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE GUIDELINES ON THE SELECTION OF TRAINEES OF THE INSTITUTE, THE TRAINERS AND FACULTY, ITS CURRICULUM, AND THE SOURCE OF ITS FUNDING, AMONG OTHERS.

SEC. 15-B. *REGIONAL BOOK FAIRS.* – NBDB SHALL ORGANIZE AND MAINTAIN ANNUAL REGIONAL BOOK FAIRS WHICH SHALL SHOWCASE PHILIPPINE-PUBLISHED BOOKS AND ENJOIN THE PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BOOK PUBLISHERS. AN ANNUAL BUDGETARY ALLOCATION SHALL BE EARMARKED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

UPON THE ENACTMENT OF THIS LAW, NBDB SHALL ISSUE ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL BOOK FAIRS.”

SEC. 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NBDB, in coordination with the DepEd, DTI, and other concerned government agencies, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 13. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever such declaration shall not in any way affect other parts or sections of this Act.

SEC. 14. *Repealing Clause* – The Transitory Provisions under Section 17 of R.A 8047 is hereby repealed. All other laws, decrees, rules, regulations, and other administrative issuances or provisions thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,