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EXPLANATORY NOTE

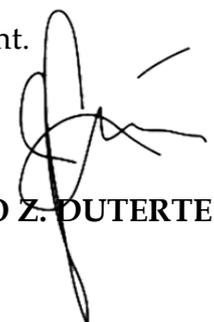
Teaching is a profession that serves as a foundation of all other professions. Teachers serve as the nation's modern-day heroes – tirelessly providing at par education to the youth and honing them to become valuable members of the society. In spite of this significant contribution of the teachers, their salaries, particularly that of public school teachers, are not commensurate to their sacrifices especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adding to these rigors are expenses of the teaching supplies that they frequently shell out from their personal pockets. This bill seeks to institutionalize the provision of teaching supplies allowance amounting to *Two Thousand Pesos* (P2,000.00) per teacher every month within the school year, thereby easing the financial burden of the teachers. This proposed measure also takes cognizance of the rising prices of basic commodities, including teaching supplies and the like.

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



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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF MONTHLY TEACHING SUPPLIES
ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING
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 "*Teaching Supplies Allowance Act of 2022.*"

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to promote and improve the economic status of teachers and assist them in providing quality education to their students.

SEC. 3. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* - A Teaching Supplies Allowance for the purchase of teaching supplies and materials, tangible or intangible for the implementation or conduct of various learning delivery modalities (LDMS) in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) per teacher every month within the school year is hereby authorized: *Provided*, That this allowance shall be exempt from income tax.

SEC. 4. *Coverage.* - The grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act shall be covered teachers who are engaged in teaching public basic education, consistent with the learning modalities recognized by the Department of Education (DepEd).

SEC. 5. *Funding.* - The amount necessary for the grant of Teaching Supplies Allowance per teacher per school year authorized under this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the DepEd under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 6. *Periodic Review for Increases.* - The Secretary of Education is hereby mandated to conduct a periodic review of the Teaching Supplies Allowance, taking into account the current prices of teaching supplies and materials, and, if warranted, recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,