

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS  
**First Regular Session**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 4319**



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Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

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**AN ACT  
STRENGTHENING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM,  
REVISING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10410, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
"EARLY YEARS ACT OF 2013", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The National Child Development Center (NCDC) is the community-based flagship program of the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council which serves as the ground-level venue for the implementation of ECCD activities, particularly the Early Learning Program and the Family Support Program. Amongst the goals of NCDC are to (1) introduce best practices of the integrated early childhood care and development services to children aged zero (0) to four (4); (2) to serve as a laboratory for conducting research and innovations about ECCD that will promote the continuing education and/or professionalization of ECCD service providers, and (3) become the resource center for the community to enhance parenting skills and capabilities.

Since the implementation of Republic Act No 10410, otherwise known as the Early Years Act of 2013, a total of 691 NCDCs have been established across the country. Truly, this has been a laudable move towards strengthening the thrust for early childhood care and development. To further sustain this move towards the full realization of the rights of children to be provided with health care, education, an appropriate standard of living, family life, and other services, this measure seeks to amend Section 11 of RA 10410 to provide an additional source of funds for the establishment of National Child Development Centers and conversion of existing Day Care Centers into Child Development Centers in various local government units.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 10410 is hereby amended to read:

“Section 11. Appropriations. – The amount needed for continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).”

In addition, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) shall continue an increasing amount of One Billion Pesos (Php 1,000,000,000.00) per year for another five (5) years to fund the establishment of National Child Development Centers and the conversion of existing Day Care Centers into Child Development Centers in various LGUs upon approval of this Act. Said amount shall be directly remitted in four (4) quarterly installments to a special account of the ECCD Council. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).”

**SECTION 2.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations, issuances, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, including Section 11 of RA 10410, are deemed repealed and/or amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 3. Effectivity Clause** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*