Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 935



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE VIRGILIO S. LACSON

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE TARGETED COVID-19 TESTING, IN THE EVENT OF OR BEFORE THEY ARE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES THIS COMING AUGUST 24, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Department of Education announced that the opening of schoolyear 2020-2021 will be on August 24, 2020.

WHEREAS, the opening of the schoolyear means that regular classes will resume, and teachers and students will soon meet to conduct face-to-face classes, despite the existence of the Covid-19 virus.

WHEREAS, it is imperative on the part of the State to include our public-school teachers in the Covid19 targeted testing, and ensure that they are Covid-19 free while performing their regular task of face-to-face classes, in order to protect the students as well as to avoid the spread of the virus. The testing for Covid19 virus should be done before the teacher conducts the face-to-face classes.

WHEREAS, the Department of Health is the lead agency tasked to conduct targeted testing for Covid-19. As public-school teachers are the front-liners in shaping the education and learning of our youth, protection must be afforded to them.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives that the appropriate committee/s be directed to conduct a hearing in aid of legislation, calling

upon the Department of Health to include public-school teachers in the targeted Covid-19 testing, in the event of or before they are required to conduct face to face classes this coming opening of school year 2020-2021

Adopted,

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HON. VIRGILIO S. LACSON