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Explanatory Note

In addition to lack of classrooms and school buildings, one of the major problems of the Philippine public education system is the limited books and school supplies. To at least provide a short-term solution to this problem, the teachers themselves are forced to spend money from their own pockets just to bear the cost of instructional materials. This is despite the fact that public school teachers are among the lowest paid professionals.

Instructional materials are in form of test papers, instruction module presentations, charts, maps, and other necessary tools to guarantee the clarity of explanation and make it easier for students to understand. These school supplies are essential to ensure the daily functioning of teaching and to enhance the learning experience of the students.

Inaction on this matter would not only reduce the already low salary received by the public school teachers, but would also worsen the quality of education that is received in public schools. Hence, this bill provides for an instructional materials allowance of Php 3,000 every month for public school teachers, including those in the alternative learning system of the Department of Education.

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

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AN ACT PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS' ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC

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

SCHOOL TEACHERS

1 SECTION 1. An instructional materials' allowance amounting to three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) per month is hereby provided for public school 2 teachers of basic and higher education nationwide including those who are 3 teaching in the alternative learning system of the Department of Education. 4 The amount provided as instructional materials' allowance for public 5 school teachers under this section shall be subject to regular adjustment every five 6 (5) years. The extent of the adjustment shall be determined by the agency 7 concerned with the implementation of this Act in coordination with the 8 Department of Budget and Management. 9 10 Section 2. The budget necessary for the implementation of this Act shall 11 be included in the annual budget of the Department of Education, State 12 Universities and Colleges. 13 14 Section 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of 15 Education, State Universities and Colleges shall issue their corresponding rules 16 and regulation necessary for the implementation of this Act. 17

Section 4. Repealing Clause.- All laws or parts of any law, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation

Approved,