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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Act seeks to improve the nutrition of all our public elementary schoolchildren by establishing a regular weekly feeding day for all public elementary schools and implementing other measures that would improve the nutrition of our schoolchildren.

The passage of this bill will breathe life to the constitutional primacy given to the health of our citizens by instituting laws intended to benefit those who have less in life by giving them more through legislation.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR ALL PUBLIC**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “School Nutrition Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* The primacy of the health of our people is a state policy enshrined in our Constitution. So is the priority given to education. There is an inextricable link between health and education because healthy mind and bodies are more conducive to be educated. Thus, there is a continuing need to attend to the nutrition needs of our schoolchildren all over the country.

SEC. 3. *Scope.* All enrolled pupils or students in public elementary schools shall be covered by this Act.

SEC. 4. Every Friday of the week shall be designated as a feeding day for all elementary schools all over the country. During the said feeding, a nutritious meal shall be served at luntime upon all the enrolled students in all public elementary schools all over the country.

SEC. 5. In addition to the establishment of a regular feeding day, comprehensive but reasonable nutrition program shall be implemented in every school by the Nutrition Council of said school.

SEC. 4. *Nutrition Council.* a) It is hereby mandated that all public elementary schools in the country should immediately constitute upon the passage of this Act, a Nutrition Council composed of the School Principal, as Chairman; the School Nurse, if there is any; the Barangay Captain or his duly authorized representative of the barangay where the school is located; the President of the Parent Teachers Association and two (2) other members who are the most senior teachers in the said school.

b) The Nutrition Council shall, in coordination with the Municipal Health Officer (MHO) of the municipality where the schools is situated, formulate an integrated nutrition program for the schoolchildren of their school.

c) The Nutrition Council shall supervise and ensure the successful implementation of the aforementioned school nutrition program which should integrate all existing feeding and nutrition programs of all agencies of government and the private sector.

SEC. 6. The Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Health, and (DoH), and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) are mandated to formulate the implementing rules and guidelines of this Act which shall be followed by the various Nutrition Councils that will be created by virtue of this Act.

SEC. 7. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 8. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.