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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 5, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment.

The current state of the teaching profession in the Philippine public school system, however, is far from this ideal.

Despite being given the Herculean task of molding the future of our nation, the teachers' efforts are rewarded with measly remuneration that could barely cover their household expenses.

Such paltry salaries of public school teachers are further eroded by the need to purchase classroom supplies and materials just to perform their duty.

While the Department of Education (DEPED) provide allowance for teachers in the form of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 1,500.00) "Chalk Allowance" in FY 2016, this amount is not enough to provide informative and stimulating classroom instruction and discussions the whole year round.

This bill seeks to achieve two purposes. First, it relieves public school teachers of the onerous burden of providing for teaching materials and supplies.

Second, it ensures that there are enough teaching materials and supplies in every classroom in the country. An increased school supplies allowance would allow teachers to expand their shopping list to include ICT materials like USBs.

At the end the day, it is hoped that the combination of a motivated teaching force and the availability of teaching supplies and materials will raise the quality of education every Filipino receives.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR EVERY QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*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 the “Allowance for Teaching Supplies Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. In line with this and in recognition of the need to ensure the retention of the best available talents in the teaching profession, the State shall provide for a teaching supplies allowance for every public school teacher to support the provision of quality education for all Filipino students.

SEC. 3. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* - A Teaching Supplies Allowance in the amount of Three Thousand Pesos (P 3,000.00) per qualified public school teacher per public school is hereby authorized. This amount shall be used for purchase of chalks, erasers, forms, and other classroom supplies and materials.

SEC. 4. *Coverage.* This Act shall cover all public school teachers who are engaged in actual classroom teaching in both primary and secondary levels of public basic education.

SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act: *Provided, That* one-third (1/3) of the funding requirement shall be appropriated under the budget of the Department of Education (DEPED), while the remaining two-thirds (2/3) shall be sourced from the fifty percent (50%) share of the government in the Philippine Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) aggregate gross earning net of five percent (5%) franchise tax.

SEC. 6. *Periodic Review of the Teaching Supplies Allowance.* - The Secretary of Education shall conduct a periodic review of the Teaching Supplies Allowance every five (5) years, and if warranted, recommend the increase in the amount of the allowance as may be necessary.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*— Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the DEPED, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*— If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts or portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*— All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,