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HOUSE BILL No. 5168



Introduced by
Honorable Cristal L. Bagatsing

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AN ACT

**INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUND THEREFOR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 5 (5) of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that:

“The State shall assign the highest budget priority to education and 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.

In spite of the constitutional provision that the State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education, yet there are some problems, such as the teaching supplies and materials needed by the teachers in giving lectures and discussions to students.

At present, public school teachers receive a minimal amount for their supplies. However, there was a significant increase in the cost of supplies and teachers have no choice but to spend their own money in order to give his/her best to the students. Worst, some of our school teachers have to sacrifice their meal, in order to support their classroom activities.

Although, public school teachers were receiving the minimal amount for their teaching supplies, this representation believes that by putting this bill into law will not only boost the moral of our teachers but one way of recognizing their contribution and devotion to their profession.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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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 “Teaching Supplies Allowance Act of 2019”

Section 2. *Coverage.* – For purposes of this Act, the grant of the cash allowance authorized shall be limited to teachers who are actually engaged in classroom in public basic education.

Section 3. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* - There is hereby a grant of Teaching Supplies Allowance in the amount of Five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) per teacher per school year for the purchase of chalks, erasers, forms, and other classroom supplies materials.

Section 4. *Funding requirement.* – In the first year of the effectivity of this Act, the amount of Two thousand five hundred pesos (Php2,500.00) per teacher per school year shall be charged against the current appropriations of

the Department of Education (DepEd) for the Teaching Supplies Allowances, while the additional amount of Two thousand five hundred pesos (Php2,500.00) per teacher per school year shall be included in the DepEd budget for the Teaching Supplies Allowance under the General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. *Periodic Review.* – The Secretary of Education is hereby mandated to conduct a periodic review of the Teaching Supplies Allowance, taking into account the current prices of classroom supplies, and, if warranted, recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance.

Section 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, circulars, issuances, rules and regulations and parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,