



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 5915

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Introduced by Representative Virgilio S. Lacson

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution states that, "The State shall 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". The State recognizes the vital role of quality education in nation-building through the creation of a more responsible, skilled and literate citizenry. To achieve such ends, the State must ensure that existing facilities and learning spaces that are used by our young learners are conducive to quality learning.

The Department of Education (DepEd) report<sup>1</sup> that School Year 2017-2018, the teacher-student ratio is 1:31 for the elementary level, 1:36 for Junior High School level, and 1:31 for Senior High School level. Having large number of students per teacher has a massive effect on the quality education that supposedly each student is given an equal time to meet the required competitive education.

This bill seeks to institutionalize an ideal class size of not more than 30 students. Any class exceeding 30 students up to a maximum of 45 students shall be a large class and prohibits class size of more than 45 students. Teachers of large classes shall receive additional compensation equivalent to five (5%) percent of their daily rate.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.

  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1029281>



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AN ACT  
STANDARDIZING THE APPROPRIATE CLASS SIZE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

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

1       Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “*Standard Class Size for*  
2 *Public Schools Act.*”

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4       Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote  
5 the right of all citizens to quality education by ensuring that students are given the  
6 appropriate environment that is conducive for learning and that public school teachers  
7 are provided appropriate teaching conditions.

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9       Sec. 3. *Coverage.* – This Act shall cover all public schools and public school  
10 teachers under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education (DepEd).

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12       Sec. 4. *Standard Class Size.* – All classes in all public schools nationwide shall  
13 have an international class size standard of 30 students. Classes exceeding 30 students  
14 up shall be considered a large class.

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16       Sec. 5. *Large Class Size.* – Any class exceeding 30 students up to a maximum of  
17 45 students shall be considered a large class. In no case shall a class size exceed 45  
18 students.

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20       Sec. 6. *Additional Compensation for Large Class Size Teachers.* – A teacher  
21 handling a large class shall be entitled for additional compensation equivalent to twenty



1 percent (20%) of her daily rate for every five (5) students in excess of the standard class  
2 size of 30.

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4 *Sec. 7. Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of  
5 this Act shall be included in the annual appropriations for the Department of Education  
6 in the General Appropriations Act.

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8 *Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Education  
9 shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for implementation of this Act  
10 within a period a thirty (30) days after is effectivity.

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12 *Sec. 9. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or portion of this Act is declared  
13 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not thereby affected shall  
14 remain in full force and effect.

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16 *Sec. 10. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules,  
17 regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any  
18 provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

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20 *Sec. 11. Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
21 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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24 Approved,