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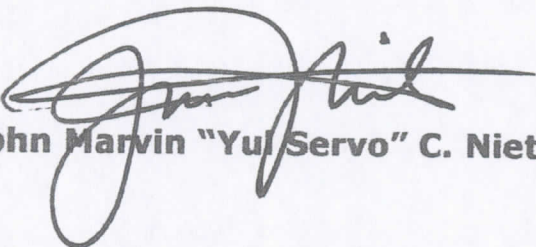
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Section 11 of Republic Act 10410, or the Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013 to allow PAGCOR to continue funding the establishment of National Child Development Centers and the conversion of existing Day care Centers into Child Development Centers in various local government units through receiving an annual allocation of 1 Billion form the General Appropriations Act.

RA 10410 was enacted to institutionalize a national system for Early Childhood Care and Development that is comprehensive, integrative, and sustainable, which will involve multisectoral and interagency collaboration at the national and local levels among government units, service providers, non-government organizations, professional associations, academic institutions, communities, and families.

Since the enactment of RA 10410, a total of 691 new NCDCs have been established, while 1,330 day care centers have been into child development centers nationwide. However, there is more to be done in the field of early childhood care as nationwide ECCD has not yet been fully attained. For the purpose of accelerating expansion of the ECCD system to achieve universal ECCD coverage, there is a need for the increase and extension of PAGCOR support for another 5 years.

In view of the forgoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM,
REVISIONING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10410, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "EARLY YEARS ACT OF 2013", AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 11 of Republic Act 10410 is hereby amended to read:

Section 11. Appropriations. – The amount needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

In addition, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) shall continue to contribute an increased amount of One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) per year for another five (5) years to fund the establishment of National Child Development Centers and the conversion of existing Day Care Centers into Child Development Centers in various LGUs upon approval of this Act. Said amount shall be directly remitted in four (4) quarterly installments to a special account of the ECCD Council. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations, issuances, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, including Section 11 of RA 10410, are deemed repealed and/or amended or modified accordingly

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,