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House Bill No. 5157



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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In addition to lack of classrooms and school buildings, one of the major problems of the Philippine public education system is the limited books and school supplies. To at least provide a short-term solution to this problem, the teachers themselves are forced to spend money from their own pockets just to bear the cost of teaching supplies. This is despite the fact that public school teachers are among the lowest paid professionals.

Teaching supplies help to guarantee the clarity of explanation and make it easier for students to understand. These are essential to ensure the daily functioning of teaching and to enhance the learning experience of the students. Inaction on this matter would not only reduce the already low salary received by the public school teachers, but would also worsen the quality of education that is received in public schools.

Hence, this bill provides for teaching supplies allowance of Php 5,000 every month for public school teachers, including those in the alternative learning system of the Department of Education.

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

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AN ACT  
PROVIDING TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
TEACHERS

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

1           **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Teaching Supplies*  
2     *Allowance Act*”.

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4           **SEC.2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared to be the policy of  
5     the State to promote and improve the economic status of teachers and assist them  
6     in providing quality education to the students.

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8           **SEC.3. Teaching Supplies Allowance.** – A teaching supplies allowance  
9     amounting to five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) per month is hereby provided for  
10    public school teachers of basic and higher education nationwide including those  
11    who are teaching in the alternative learning system of the Department of  
12    Education.

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14          **SEC.4. Funding.** – The budget necessary for the implementation of this  
15    Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of Education, State  
16    Universities and Colleges.

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18          **SEC.5. Periodic Review for Increases.** – The Secretary of Education is  
19    hereby mandated to conduct a periodic review of the teaching supplies allowance,  
20    taking into account the prevailing prices of classroom supplies, and, if warranted,  
21    recommend the necessary increase in the amount of allowance.

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23          **SEC.6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Department of  
24    Education, State Universities and Colleges shall issue their corresponding rules  
25    and regulation necessary for the implementation of this Act.

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27          **SEC.7. Repealing Clause.** – All laws or parts of any law, orders, rules,  
28    and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby or amended  
29    accordingly.

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1           **SEC.8. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
2 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of  
3 general circulation

*Approved,*