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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 626



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10410 entitled "*An Act Recognizing the Age from Zero (0) To Eight (8) Years As The First Crucial Stage Of Educational Development And Strengthening The Early Childhood Care and Development System, Appropriating Funds Therefore And For Other Purposes,*" otherwise known as the "*Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013.*"

Section 11 of R.A. 10410 provides that the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation shall contribute an amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) per year for five (5) years for the establishment of National Child Development Centers (NDCD) and the conversion of existing Day Care Centers into Child Development Centers in various local government units, an amount to be directly remitted in four (4) quarterly installments to a special account of the ECCD Council.

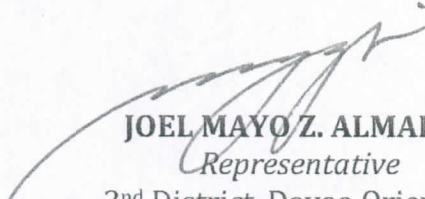
Meanwhile, Section 6 thereof, provides that the National Early Childhood Care and Development System shall be established in all provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays as may be determined by the Early Childhood Care and Development Council (ECCDC) to achieve universal Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) coverage for all children from zero (0) to four (4) years of age nationwide.

R.A. 10410 was enacted to institutionalize a national system for ECCD 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 institution, communities and families.

As of July 2018, or five years since the enactment of R.A. 10410, a total of 634 new NDCDs have been established, while 960 existing day care centers have been converted into NDCDs 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 and to achieve universal ECCD coverage, there is an urgent need for an extension of and an increase in the funding support from PAGCOR for another five (5) years.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM, REVISING 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 10410 is hereby amended to read:

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3 **Section 11. Appropriations.** - The amount needed for the
4 continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
5 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

6 In addition, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming
7 Corporation shall continue to contribute One Billion Pesos
8 (P1,000,000,000.00) per year for another five (5) years to fund the
9 establishment of National Child Development Centers and the
10 conversion of existing Day Care Centers into Child Development
11 Centers in various LGUs upon approval of this Act. Said amount shall
12 be directly remitted in four (4) quarterly installments to a special
13 account of the ECCD Council.

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15 **SECTION 2.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations,
16 issuances, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, including Section 11 of
17 R.A. 10410, are deemed repealed and/or amended or modified accordingly.

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

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22 *Approved.*