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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to provide a "hardship allowance" to teachers assigned to far-flung areas of the country and to provide measures to ensure their safety and welfare while on assignment to said areas.

The provision of education is a duty of the State and in far-flung barangays or barrios, the agents of the State are the teachers who are assigned to said areas to perform their job in educating the youth in said areas.

In going to and fro said areas to do their job, teachers are exposed to hardships which are not experienced by their peers assigned in more urban areas. Hence, there is the necessity to compensate them for the extra trouble they have to go through just to do their job.

Ultimately, the extra privileges and support which will be given by this Act to the teachers assigned to remote areas will motivate them to perform their jobs the best they can. This will eventually redound to the benefit of the community they serve.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING HARDSHIP ALLOWANCE TO TEACHERS ASSIGNED IN**  
**REMOTE AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MEASURES FOR**  
**THEIR PROTECTION**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “Teachers for the Barrios Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. a) All teachers assigned to far-flung areas shall be entitled to a monthly hardship allowance equivalent to double the total expenses that said teacher will incur every month in additional public transportation from the nearest capital town or urban center of the school where he is assigned, assuming that said teacher will go back and forth to said school daily.

b) For this purpose, Section 19 of Republic Act 4670 “Magna Carta for Public School Teachers” is hereby amended to include teachers assigned to far flung areas or barrios as recipients of such hardship allowance.

SEC. 4. In the event, teachers assigned to far-flung areas would need to stay in a temporary house in the locality where they are teaching, the Barangay Captain

of the locality where the said teacher will be teacher is hereby mandated to secure a suitable and safe housing for said teachers.

Sec. 4. The Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with the Department of Interior and Local Government, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 6. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.