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HOUSE BILL NO. 4044



Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a standard academic calendar for all levels of education in the country. That way, classes shall start and end as much as possible and practicable, for all our kindergarten, basic education and collegiate levels.

Presently, schools are given the free hand to establish their own academic calendars (i.e. opening and closing of classes, semestral and holiday breaks, etc.). As such, families where there are more than one child studying could not properly fix their schedules, especially when it involves the whole family (e.g. planning of out-of-town trips), thereby, compromising the basic need of family bonding and proper schedule planning.

This Act seeks to provide the necessary means in coming up with a standard academic calendar for all schools, in all levels.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A STANDARD ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR ALL LEVELS IN ALL SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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 " Academic Calendar Standardization Act of 2016".

- SEC. 2. There shall be a standard academic calendar for all levels in all schools in the country, such that as much as possible and practicable, classes would start and end at the same time, and that vacation time shall be synchronized, for all kindergarden , basic education and collegiate levels of education in the country.
- SEC. 3. The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall collaborate and formulate the pertinent rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.
- SEC. 4. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly

Approved.