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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Teachers generally view their profession as noble. They shape the young minds of girls and boys to prepare them for the future and become the catalysts for national development.

Ironically, most teachers in the public school system do not even own, much less, pay for a housing unit for their own families.

Section 9 of Article XIII of the Constitution aptly stipulates thus, "The State, shall by law, and for the common good, undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable cost decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlement areas."

The Davao City model can be replicated in the context of this important legislative measure. In fact, let this proposed bill put into action the *Pabahay* Program of the Department of Education.

The early passage of this bill is most earnestly prayed for.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING HOUSING UNITS FOR HOMELESS PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS
AS MANDATORY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Pabahay Program for Homeless Public School Teachers Act of 2016."

SEC. 2. There shall be provided, under the supervision of the Department of Education, housing units for homeless teachers in the public school system under a viable housing program created therefore.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) national newspapers.

Approved,