



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5392



Introduced by Representative Florencio Gabriel “Bem” G. Noel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 5 (5) of the 1987 Constitution expressly provides that:

“The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment.”

Public school teachers are amongst the most underpaid and overworked professionals in our society. At present, public school teachers are receiving only P3,500.00 for chalk allowance annually. When it was first implemented in 2015, the initial P1,000.00 chalk allowance was later raised to P1,500.00. In 2017, through the national budget, it was raised to P2,500.00, and for this year an additional P1,000.00 pesos was added.

The current P3,500.00 chalk allowance only equates to a P16.00-a-day budget for all the instructional supplies a teacher needs, which is not enough to cover the costs of supplies. Thus, the teachers are forced to draw from their own finances to cover for the budget deficit.

This bill seeks to increase the annual “Chalk Allowance” for classroom supplies from P3,500.00 to P5,000.00 per teacher per school year, or P24.04 per school day, thereby relieving teachers from additional financial burden.

Immediate approval of this bill is therefore sought.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC
SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known and cited as the “*Teaching Supplies Allowance Act of 2019.*”

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

SEC. 3. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* – The cash allowance to teachers for the purchase of chalks, erasers, forms, and other classroom supplies and materials as provided in the annual appropriations for the Department of Education shall be known as the Teaching Supplies Allowance. The amount provided shall be increased from Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P3,500.00) to Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) per teacher per school year. Said allowance shall be paid only to classroom teachers.

SEC. 4. *Periodic Review for Increases.* – The secretary of Education is hereby mandated to conduct a periodic review of the Teaching Supplies Allowance, taking into account the current prices of classroom supplies, and, if warranted, recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance. The amount required to cover the increase shall be included in the Department’s budget proposal for the next fiscal year.

SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – Such sums may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,