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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by HONORABLE RESURRECCION MARRERO-ACOP, MD

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,*" more popularly known as the "Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013."

Section 11 of R.A. 10410 provides that Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) 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 (NCDCs) and the conversion of existing Day Care Centers into Child Development Centers in various local government units.

Since the enactment of R.A. 10410, a total of 691 new NCDCs have been established, while 1,330 day care centers have been converted into child development centers 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 to achieve universal ECCD coverage, there is a need for the increase and extension of PAGCOR support 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,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10410, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "EARLY YEARS ACT OF 2013",
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Appropriations. - Section 11 of Republic Act 10410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

In addition, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) shall continue to contribute an increased amount of One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) per year for another five (5) years to fund the establishment of National Child Development Centers and the conversion of existing Day Care Centers into Child Development Centers in various local government units upon approval of this Act. Said amount shall be directly remitted in four (4) quarterly installments to a special account of the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Act (GAA)."

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or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, including Section 11 of R.A. 10410, are deemed repealed and/or amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The ECCD Council in consultation with appropriate government agencies and nongovernment organizations, shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,