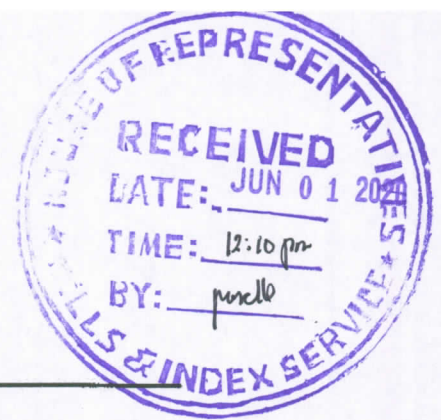


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 344

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Higher and Technical Education on **JUN 01 2020**

Re : **HOUSE BILL NO. 6895**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1406, 1591, 1845, 3201, 3610, 3983, 4074, 6661 and 6807.

Sponsors : Reps. Romulo and Go (M.)

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to which were referred House Bill No. 1406, introduced by Rep. Alfred D. Vargas, entitled:

**AN ACT
SYNCHRONIZING THE OPENING OF ALL CLASSES IN ALL
SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

House Bill No. 1591, introduced by Rep. Ann K. Hofer, entitled:

**AN ACT
SHIFTING THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FROM JUNE TO AUGUST**

House Bill No. 1845, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

**AN ACT
REVISING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY
AND WELFARE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND STUDENT YOUTH,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

House Bill No. 3201, introduced by Rep. Eric L. Olivarez, entitled:

**AN ACT
SHIFTING THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FROM JUNE TO AUGUST**

House Bill No. 3610, introduced by Rep. Evelina G. Escudero, entitled:

**AN ACT
SYNCHRONIZING THE OPENING OF ALL CLASSES IN ALL
SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

House Bill No. 3983, introduced by Rep. Ronnie L. Ong, entitled:

**AN ACT
SYNCHRONIZING THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR IN ALL LEVELS
OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE**

House Bill No. 4074, introduced by Rep. Michael John R. Duavit, entitled:

**AN ACT
SYNCHRONIZING THE OPENING OF ALL CLASSES IN THE
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS IN ALL SCHOOLS IN THE
PHILIPPINES**

House Bill No. 6661, introduced by Reps. Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva and Domingo C. Rivera, entitled:

**AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO POSTPONE
THE START OF SCHOOL YEAR IN CASE OF A DECLARATION OF
A STATE OF EMERGENCY, STATE OF CALAMITY OR SIMILAR
OCCURRENCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7977, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE
SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) DAYS TO NOT
MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS DAYS"**

and House Bill No. 6807, introduced by Rep. Weslie Gatchalian, entitled:

**AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7797, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR
FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) DAYS TO NOT MORE THAN TWO
HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS DAYS"**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6895,
entitled:

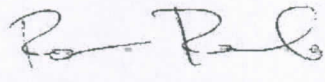
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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1406, 1591, 1845, 3201, 3610, 3983, 4074, 6661 and 6807, with Reps. Romulo, Gatchalian, Vargas, Hofer, Rodriguez, Olivarez, Escudero, Ong (R.), Duavit, Villanueva (E.), Rivera, Go (M.), Tambunting, Delos Santos, Cojuangco, Savellano, Sy-Alvarado, Nieto, Gonzales (A.), Fortuno, Vergara, Amante-Matba, Balindong, Violago, Barba, Guico, Ouano-Dizon, Cabredo, Robes, Loyola, Acop, Bordado, Reyes, Revilla, Elago, Tejada, Tutor, Saulog, Nolasco, Castro (F.L.), Babasa, Haresco, Dimaporo (A.), Mariano-Hernandez, Natividad-Nagaño, Dalog, Castelo, Lacson, Abueg-Zaldivar, Bolilia, Collantes, Cueva, Daza and Acosta-Alba as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK O. GO
Chairperson
Committee on Higher and Technical Education



ROMAN T. ROMULO
Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6895
(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 1406, 1591,
1845, 3201, 3610, 3983, 4074, 6661 and 6807)

Introduced by Representatives Romulo, Gatchalian, Vargas, Hofer, Rodriguez, Olivarez, Escudero, Ong (R.), Duavit, Villanueva (E.), Rivera, Go (M.), Tambunting, Delos Santos, Cojuangco, Savellano, Sy-Alvarado, Nieto, Gonzales (A.), Fortuno, Vergara, Amante-Matba, Balindong, Violago, Barba, Guico, Ouano-Dizon, Cabredo, Robes, Loyola, Acop, Bordado, Reyes, Revilla, Elago, Tejada, Tutor, Saulog, Nolasco, Castro (F.L.), Babasa, Haresco, Dimaporo (A.), Mariano-Hernandez, Natividad-Nagaño, Dalog, Castelo, Lacson, Abueg-Zaldivar, Bolilia, Collantes, Cueva, Daza and Acosta-Alba

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AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7797, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM TWO HUNDRED
(200) DAYS TO NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS
DAYS”

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7797, otherwise known as “AN ACT TO
2 LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) DAYS TO NOT
3 MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS DAYS”, is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 “SEC. 3. Start of the School Year. – The school year shall start on the first
6 Monday of June but not later than the last day of August. *PROVIDED, THAT IN*
7 THE EVENT OF A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR
8 STATE OF CALAMITY, THE PRESIDENT, UPON THE
9 RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, MAY SET A

1 DIFFERENT DATE FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN THE
2 COUNTRY OR PARTS THEREOF.

3 In the implementation of this Act, the Secretary of Education[, Culture and
4 Sports] shall determine the end of the regular school year, taking into
5 consideration the Christmas and summer vacations, and the peculiar
6 circumstances of each region.

7 In the exercise of this authority, the Secretary of Education[, Culture and
8 Sports] may authorize the holding of Saturday classes for elementary and
9 secondary levels for public and private schools.

10 NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISION OF ANY LAW TO THE
11 CONTRARY, THE DEFERRED SCHOOL OPENING SHALL APPLY TO ALL
12 BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOLS, INCLUDING FOREIGN OR
13 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS.

14 **Sec. 2.** Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) days after the
15 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education, in consultation with relevant
16 stakeholders, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

17 **Sec. 3.** Repealing Clause. – All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders,
18 administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with, or contrary to
19 the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, amended, or repealed accordingly.

20 **Sec. 4.** Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the
21 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

22 *Approved,*

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. **6895**

(In substitution of House Bill Nos. 1406, 1591,
1845, 3201, 3610, 3983, 4074, 6661 and 6807)

AMENDING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ACT

Introduced by: REPS. ROMULO, GATCHALIAN, VARGAS, HOFER, RODRIGUEZ, OLIVAREZ, ESCUDERO, ONG (R.), DUAVIT, VILLANUEVA, RIVERA, GO (M.), TAMBUNTING, DELOS SANTOS, COJUANGCO, SAVELLANO, SY-ALVARADO, NIETO, GONZALES (A.), FORTUNO, VERGARA, AMANTE-MATBA, BALINDONG, VIOLAGO, BARBA, GUICO, OUANO-DIZON, CABREDO, ROBES, LOYOLA, ACOP, BORDADO, REYES, REVILLA, ELAGO, TEJADA, TUTOR, SAULOG, NOLASCO, CASTRO (F.L.), BABASA, HARESCO, DIMAPORO (A.), MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO, DALOG, CASTELO, LACSON, ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, BOLILIA, COLLANTES, CUEVA, DAZA AND ACOSTA-ALBA

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)

Committee Chairperson: REP. ROMAN T. ROMULO

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Secondary)

Committee Chairperson: REP. MARK O. GO

OBJECTIVE:

- To meet the urgent and reasonable need to protect the health, safety and overall well-being of students

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Amends Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7797 to empower the President, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Education, to set a different date for the start of the school year in the event of a declaration of a state of emergency or state of calamity
- Mandates that the deferment by the President of the start of a school year during a state of emergency or calamity shall apply to all basic education schools, including foreign or international schools

RELATED LAW:

- Republic Act No. 7797, or the "Lengthening of School Calendar from 200 to 220 Class Days"