



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7165, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING THE LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

*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. 7165 is hereby amended to  
2 read as follows:

3                   "SEC. 3. The Council shall be composed of THE  
4 FOLLOWING MEMBERS [eight (8) members as follows: the  
5 Undersecretary for Non-Formal Education of the Department of  
6 Education, Culture and Sports; the Undersecretary of the  
7 Department of Interior and Local Government in charge of Local  
8 Governments; the Director of the Philippine Information  
9 Agency; the President of the Philippine Normal College; a

1 representative from the National Economic and Development  
2 Authority designated by the Director-General; a representative of  
3 the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture of the Senate to  
4 be designated by the President of the Senate; a representative of  
5 the Committee on Education and Culture of the House of  
6 Representatives to be designated by the Speaker; and the  
7 representative of non-government organizations involved in  
8 literacy education who shall be appointed by the President of the  
9 Philippines for a period of three (3) years.];

10           **“1) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
11 **EDUCATION (DEPED), AS THE CHAIRPERSON, WHO MAY**  
12 **DESIGNATE HIS UNDERSECRETARY AS PERMANENT**  
13 **REPRESENTATIVE;**

14           **“2) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE**  
15 **INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), AS THE**  
16 **COCHAIRPERSON, WHO MAY DESIGNATE HIS DULY**  
17 **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;**

18           **“3) THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON**  
19 **HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), WHO MAY DESIGNATE HIS DULY**  
20 **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;**

21           **“4) THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TECHNICAL**  
22 **EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
23 **(TESDA), WHO MAY DESIGNATE HIS DULY AUTHORIZED**  
24 **REPRESENTATIVE;**

25           **“5) THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE**  
26 **INFORMATION AGENCY (PIA), WHO MAY DESIGNATE HIS DULY**  
27 **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;**

1           **“6) THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL**  
2 **ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), WHO**  
3 **MAY DESIGNATE HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;**

4           **“7) THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE**  
5 **ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE, WHO MAY DESIGNATE**  
6 **HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;**

7           **“8) THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HOUSE OF**  
8 **REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND**  
9 **CULTURE, WHO MAY DESIGNATE HIS DULY AUTHORIZED**  
10 **REPRESENTATIVE; AND**

11           **“9) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NETWORK OF**  
12 **NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) INVOLVED IN**  
13 **THE PROPAGATION OF LITERACY.**

14           **“THE COUNCIL SHALL APPROVE AND CONFIRM THE**  
15 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NGOs. FOR**  
16 **THIS PURPOSE, GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH**  
17 **NGO REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE PROMULGATED BY THE**  
18 **COUNCIL.**

19           **“THE NGO REPRESENTATIVE SHALL SERVE FOR A**  
20 **PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, SUBJECT TO REAPPOINTMENT.**

21           **“[The members of the Council shall annually elect a**  
22 **Chairman from among themselves except the two (2)**  
23 **representatives of Congress.]**

24           **“The Council shall meet regularly [once a month] and**  
25 **may hold special meetings to consider urgent matters upon the**  
26 **call of the Chairman or any three Council members.”**

1           SEC. 2. A new Section 4 is hereby inserted to read as  
2 follows:

3           **“SEC. 4. THE DULY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES TO**  
4 **THE LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL (LCC) SHALL BE**  
5 **AFFORDED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE AND PARTICIPATE**  
6 **IN ANY DELIBERATION DURING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.**

7           **“LIKewise, THEY SHALL BE AFFORDED, WHENEVER**  
8 **NECESSARY, REIMBURSEMENT OF ANY ACTUAL EXPENSES**  
9 **INCURRED DURING LCC - RELATED FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES,**  
10 **SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF EXISTING LAW AND/OR**  
11 **PERTINENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.”**

12          SEC. 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7165 is hereby amended to read  
13 as follows:

14           **“SEC. [4]5. The Council shall have the following**  
15 **POWERS AND functions:**

16           **“1) [To help] [a]Act as the overall advisory and**  
17 **coordinating body, providing policy and program directions for**  
18 **all literacy endeavors in the country;**

19           **“2) ENJOIN THE SERVICES, EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES**  
20 **INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COOPERATION, ASSISTANCE**  
21 **AND SUPPORT OF APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR**  
22 **NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANZATIONS (NGOs) INVOLVED IN**  
23 **LITERACY;**

24           **“[2]3) [To] [r]Recommend strategies on the**  
25 **development of a mass movement for the PROMOTION OF LIFE**  
26 **SKILLS AND EDUCATION TOWARDS THE UNIVERSALIZATION OF**  
27 **LITERACY [total eradication of illiteracy in the country by the**  
28 **year 2000];**

1            “[3]4) [To] [f]Formulate measures on THE  
2            MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE LITERACY SITUATION  
3            IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING the establishment and  
4            maintenance of a national data bank and information exchange  
5            and dissemination system to support literacy efforts at the  
6            national and local levels;

7            “[4]5) [To] [a]Assist in identifying and adopting successful  
8            management schemes of literacy programs, and adopt measures to boost  
9            research and development work in literacy, by government agencies and  
10           non-government[al] organizations involved in literacy work;

11           “[5]6) [To recommend ways and means of raising funds in order  
12           to support the] FORMULATE POLICIES TOWARDS MAXIMIZING PUBLIC  
13           AND PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT ON literacy  
14           programs, projects, and activities;

15           “[6]7) [To recommend] PROPOSE measures on how to organize  
16           and strengthen support structures for literacy at the regional,  
17           PROVINCIAL, CITY, MUNICIPAL and BARANGAY [local] levels; and

18           “[7]8) [To] [p]Perform such other functions as may be  
19           necessary in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.”

20           SEC. 4. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7165 is hereby amended to read  
21           as follows:

22           “SEC. [5]6. THE COUNCIL SHALL ORGANIZE A  
23           SECRETARIAT TO BE HEADED BY A CHIEF AND SUCH OTHER  
24           SUPPORT STAFF. THE COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE THE  
25           SECRETARIAT’S STAFFING PATTERN, QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES,  
26           RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS, AS WELL AS THE  
27           COMPENSATION FOR THE POSITIONS TO BE CREATED SUBJECT

1           **TO THE NATIONAL COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN**  
2           **AND OTHER EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND**  
3           **REGULATIONS.**

4           “The administrative and research staff shall be detailed  
5           from the existing personnel of the Department of Education[,  
6           Culture and Sports] without prejudice to the designation **AND/OR**  
7           **APPOINTMENT** by the Council of such additional staff members  
8           as it may deem necessary for the proper discharge of its functions  
9           and responsibilities.

10           **“THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE PAYMENT OF**  
11           **EMPLOYEES’ SALARIES, BENEFITS AND OTHER EMOLUMENTS**  
12           **SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS**  
13           **AFFORDED ON THE COUNCIL: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH**  
14           **OBLIGATIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY PER CENTUM (20%)**  
15           **OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF THE LCC.”**

16           SEC. 5. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7165 is hereby deleted.

17           SEC. 6. A new section is hereby inserted to read as follows:

18           **“SEC. 8. THE COUNCIL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**  
19           **APPROPRIATE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SHALL**  
20           **PROMULGATE THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
21           **WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS**  
22           **ACT.”**

23           SEC. 7. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7165 is hereby amended to read  
24           as follows:

25           **“SEC. [8]9. All laws, executive orders, presidential**  
26           **decrees, and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with**  
27           **the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed OR MODIFIED**  
28           **ACCORDINGLY.”**

1           SEC. 8.   Section 9 is hereby renumbered as Section 10.

2           SEC. 9.   This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
3   in the *Official Gazette*.

          Approved,

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