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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 12 of the 1987 Constitution states that "the natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the Government."

The State believes that collaborative partnership between educators, school management, parents, the wider community and the children themselves is the key to providing top tier education for our nation's youth. Ultimately, strengthened parents associations will highly contribute to the welfare of the youth tasked to carry on the mission of building a better and brighter nation.

This bill seeks to cultivate parents' participation in the enhancement of our educational system through the strengthening of parents associations across our nation.

In cognizance of the vital role that parent associations play in the development of our children, this bill aims to create the National Parent Council.

The passage of this bill into law is earnestly sought, for the future of our nation.


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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*National Parent Council*
2 *Act of 2022*".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* - Pursuant to the Constitutional mandate that
4 the government shall support the natural and primary right and duty of the parents in
5 the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character,
6 it is hereby declared the objectives of this Act:

7 a. The right and duty of parents to organize themselves and form
8 associations, for the purpose of ventilating their ideas in relation to the
9 proper and effective education of their children, shall be encouraged.

10 b. Parents associations shall be strengthened and given necessary
11 incentives in order to serve best the welfare and give utmost benefits to
12 the children; and

13 c. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall give due recognition,
14 importance and support to parent associations as its partner in providing
15 accessible and quality education.

16 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For purposes of this Act, the term:

17 a. *Parents Associations* refer to the organization composed exclusively of
18 parents and/or guardians of school children in the primary and

1 secondary levels established for the purpose of ensuring the welfare of
2 the school children and students. Existing associations with the purpose
3 and membership but under different names shall be considered parent
4 associations under this Act.

5 b. Schools refer to both public and private sectarian or nonsectarian
6 educational institutions.

7 c. *City* refers to both chartered and non-chartered cities.

8 **Sec. 4. Coverage.** - This Act shall apply to the network of parents associations
9 established on a per-school basis, organized at the municipality or city and provincial
10 levels. As such, parents associations at all levels within a municipality or city may form
11 a Municipal or City parents associations, and all Municipal and City parents associations
12 within a province may form a Provincial parents association. The organization of these
13 associates shall enable the parents to perform their role effectively for the benefit and
14 welfare of the school children.

15 **Sec. 5. Formation and Support of Parent Associations.** - School authorities shall
16 encourage, support and cooperate in the organization of parents associations.

17 Further, barangay, municipal, city and provincial officials shall provide the
18 necessary assistance and support to parent associations, especially in the
19 implementation of their school-based activities and projects.

20 **Sec. 6. Incentives.** - To encourage parents and enable them to function
21 productively and efficiently, they shall be accorded the following:

22 a. **Participation in Local Government Council Meetings and School Advisory**
23 **Boards.** - There shall be a parent representative to the Committee on
24 Education or its equivalent in the Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang
25 Panlungsod and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as well as to the
26 advisory body of each school, to be elected among the members of
27 municipal, city and provincial parent associations, respectively.

28 b. **Exemption from Taxes.** - All contributions, gifts, donations, bequests by
29 members of the parents associations in favor of duly-approved projects
30 that form part of the school plans shall be exempted from taxes.

1 c. *Accreditation Requirement.* - The existence of a dynamic and effective
2 parents association in a school shall be required by qualified accrediting
3 agencies as an evaluative criterion for the accreditation of the school.

4 *Sec. 7. National Parent Council.* - To establish an effective and appropriate body
5 for an effective and continuing coordination between the Department of Education
6 (DepEd) and the parents associations nationwide, and to encourage a closer working
7 relationship which will not only promote the welfare of the school children but also to
8 that of the community they live in, there is hereby created a National Parent Council,
9 hereafter referred to as "*Council*", to be composed of representatives elected from
10 among the Provincial Parents Associations.

11 Officers of the Council shall be elected from among the members.

12 There shall be an annual general assembly of the members to be coordinated
13 closely with the Office of the Secretary of the DepEd.

14 *Sec. 8. Powers and Functions.* - The Council shall have the following powers
15 and functions:

- 16 a. To act as an advisory body to the DepEd and as such shall be attached to the
17 Office of the Secretary for effective liaison and coordination;
- 18 b. To participate in the formulation of national guidelines as it refers to policies
19 and procedures governing school fees, visual aids and practical application for
20 curricular activities;
- 21 c. To assist, thru the municipality and provincial associations, the appropriate
22 DepEd regional, provincial or municipal office in monitoring, overseeing and
23 evaluating the implementation of school infrastructure projects;
- 24 d. To provide nationwide forum wherein the views of parents on relevant issues
25 can be deliberated upon before these are brought to appropriate bodies for
26 action;
- 27 e. To be an effective link between the DepEd and all agencies that deal with
28 matters pertinent to schools;
- 29 f. To create such specialized committees and appoint members not only from
30 within the Council but also from the municipal, city or provincial parents
31 associations to help address successfully specific concerns; and

1 g. To request cooperation of any barangay, municipal, city, provincial or national
2 official on any matter deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

3 *Sec. 9. National Parents Association Week.* - There is hereby declared a National
4 Parents Association Week to be held during the first week of February of every year
5 in order to highlight and give recognition to the achievements and importance of
6 parents associations in their role in giving accessible and quality education to the
7 children.

8 Appropriation activities nationwide, which will conclude the holding of the
9 Annual General Assembly of the National Parent Council, shall be undertaken and
10 drawn up by the Council.

11 Expenses relevant to these activities, including the organization of an assembly,
12 secretariat services, and attendance of members, speakers and guests shall be
13 charged to the DepEd budget.

14 *Sec. 10. Appropriations.* - An annual regular appropriation of Five Hundred
15 Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) shall be included in the annual budget of the DepEd
16 exclusively for the implementation of this Act.

17 *Sec. 11. The Role of DepEd.* - The DepEd shall promulgate the Implementing
18 Rules and Regulations (IRR) to carry out the objectives of this Act.

19 *Sec. 12. Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid,
20 the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force
21 and effect.

22 *Sec. 13. Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive and
23 administrative orders contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act are
24 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

25 *Sec. 14. Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
26 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
27 circulation in the Philippines.

Adopted,