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INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides, in Article XIV, Section 1: "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." For most, the immediate mental picture that this gives rise to would be that of children in school. And yet it is just as important for us to also think about our teachers – what they are entitled to and what they deserve.

At present, the amount of the yearly allowance for our public school teachers (formerly known as 'chalk allowance') would depend on what is stated in the provisions of the National Budget.¹ However, the lack of institutionalization is precisely the problem here, because if the provisions are inconsistent across each Fiscal Year, then the amounts allocated for our teachers shall also be inconsistent.

This inconsistency is what this bill seeks to rectify. Under this proposed measure, the yearly allowance to be given to teachers in public education shall be set at Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for the School Year 2022-2023; Seven thousand five hundred pesos (P7,500.00) for the School Year 2023-2024; and Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for the School Year 2024-2025 and thereafter. With this, we are

¹ Che Palicte, "Solon bats for P2-K monthly allowance for teachers' supplies," August 31 2022. Retrieved from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1182550>, retrieved on January 31 2023.

taking away from our teachers the burden of having to spend for their own supplies. In doing so, they can continue to focus on providing quality education to all our learners.

As proof of my utmost support for our teachers, I seek the swift passage of this bill into law.



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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 "*Teaching Supplies Act of*
2 *2022.*"
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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
5 provide quality education as a fundamental right of every Filipino citizen.
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7 Towards this end, it is therefore the duty of the State to promote and improve the
8 economic status of teachers and assist them in their task of being agents of quality
9 education for our learners.
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11 Sec. 3. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* - The grant of a Teaching Supplies Allowance
12 for the purchase of teaching supplies and materials, tangible or intangible, for the
13 implementation or conduct of various learning delivery modalities (LDMS) in the amount
14 of Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) per teacher for the school year 2022-2023; seven
15 thousand five hundred pesos (P7,500.00) per teacher for the school year 2023-2024; and
16 Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) per teacher for the school year 2024-2025 and
17 thereafter are hereby authorized: Provided, That this allowance shall be exempt from
18 income tax
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20 Sec. 4. *Coverage.* - The grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act shall
21 cover teachers who are engaged in teaching public basic education, consistent with the
22 learning modalities recognized by the Department of Education (DepEd).

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Sec. 5. *Funding* – The amount necessary for the grant of Teaching Supplies Allowance per teacher per school year authorized under this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the DepEd under the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 6. *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 teaching supplies and materials and, if warranted, recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance.

Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause*. - All laws, decrees, orders, circulars, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 8. *Separability Clause*. - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 9. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,