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s. No. <u>1092</u>

(In Substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 42, 75 and 957)



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## AN ACT

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

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

- Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Teaching Supplies Allowance Act of 2019".
  - Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to promote and improve the economic status of teachers and assist them in providing quality education to their students.
  - Sec. 3. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* A Teaching Supplies Allowance for the purchase of chalks, erasers, forms, and other classroom supplies and materials in the amount of Five thousand pesos (PhP5,000.00) per teacher per school year is hereby authorized.
  - Sec. 4. *Coverage.* The grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act shall be limited to teachers who are engaged in actual classroom teaching in public basic education.

Sec. 5. Funding In the first year of the effectivity of this Act, the amount of
Two thousand five hundred pesos (PhP2,500.00) per teacher per school year, shall
be charged against the current appropriations of the Department of Education
(DepEd) for the Teaching Supplies Allowance, while the additional amount of Two
thousand five hundred pesos (PhP2,500.00) per teacher per school year, shall be
charged against any available funds and/or savings of the DepEd. Thereafter, the
amount of Five thousand pesos (PhP5,000.00) per teacher per school year, shall be
included in the DepEd budget for the Teaching Supplies Allowance 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 classroom supplies, and, if warranted, recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance.
- Sec. 7. Separability Clause. If any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
- Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.
- 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,