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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 17, provides:

The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Teachers should be provided with the tools and time required to master a variety of technological skills, redesign their lesson plans around technology-enhanced resources, and take on a complex new role in the technologically transformed classroom.

Unfortunately, teachers receive little support for these fundamental changes, and many are left largely on their own as they struggle to integrate technology into their curricula.

It is necessary and appropriate that our secondary and elementary teachers are afforded these opportunities in order to fulfill our commitment to providing every child with a high quality education. Otherwise, the technological transformation of our schools will go to waste.

Hence, this bill seeks to provide computer innovative assistance training programs to elementary and secondary teachers.

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SECTION 4. *Innovative Assistance Program.* – The Secretary, in coordination with the Department of Technology, shall offer or provide for the offering of computer innovative assistance programs to public elementary and secondary teachers on scholarship basis.

SECTION 5. *Components.* - The computer innovative assistance program components shall include —

(1) basic computer training programs that shall consist of software and hardware troubleshooting. The program to be formulated shall consist of three to five (3-5) months hands-on training;

(2) technology programs related to professional development to assist teachers and other school officials regarding on how to effectively use computer hardware and software related peripheral equipment;

(3) programs for the acquisition and use of instructional and educational materials, including library services and materials (including media materials) relating to software and hardware for instructional use.

SECTION 6. *Assessment.* – The Secretary shall, on a yearly basis beginning from one (1) year after the effectivity of this Act, assess for possible modifications and improvement the implementation of computer innovative assistance programs implemented under this Act and their effect on participants in terms of their capability to incorporate and dintergrate technologies into their teaching.

SECTION 7. *Funding.* – There shall be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

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