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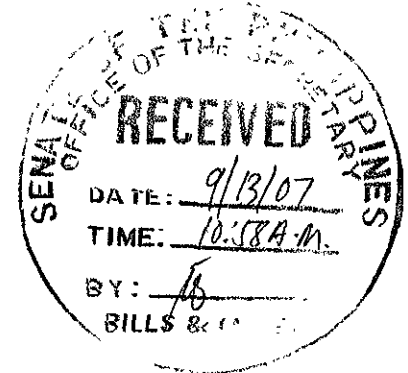
The proposed bill seeks to expand the existing Republic Act No. 7784, also known as "*An Act To Strengthen Teacher Education in the Philippines by Establishing Centers of Excellence, Creating A Teacher Education Council for The Purpose, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes*" to include in said program teachers in the tertiary level in both private and public universities and colleges for the purpose of improving the quality of tertiary education in the country by means of increasing the capability and competence of college teachers.

The government, in its continuing efforts to improve the quality of education, often provides measures to ensure that teachers have sufficient knowledge or mastery of their fields. At present, primary and secondary level teachers undergo continuing education through Teacher Education Centers of Excellence mandated under Republic Act No. 7784. They also undergo periodic merit examinations to test their knowledge in professional education, general education and in their fields of specialization.

However, said measures alone are insufficient to complete the reform of our educational system. College teachers play pivotal role in the quality of tertiary education depending on their ability to employ the proper teaching methods. It is therefore necessary to include college teachers in the program similar to that mandated of teachers in the primary and secondary levels. Such program must focus on training on the proper teaching methodologies but it may also cover other areas of study where continuing education is necessary. The purpose of the program is to revitalize the human resource component of the government's education program by enhancing the skills of our college teachers.

Hence support of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**INSTITUTING A PROGRAM FOR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION OF COLLEGE**  
**TEACHERS, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7784,**  
**OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STRENGTHENING TEACHER EDUCATION IN**  
**THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, CREATING A**  
**TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
**THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 2(a) of republic Act 7784 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

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4                   "Section 2. Definition of Terms- As used in this act:

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6           (a) "Teacher" shall mean all persons engaged in the classroom teaching of any  
7 subject, including practical/vocational arts at [the elementary and secondary]  
8 ALL levels of instruction including persons performing guidance and  
9 counseling, instructional supervision in all private or public education  
10 institutions, but shall not include school nurses, school physicians, school  
11 dentists, school administrators, and other school administrative support  
12 employees. Graduates of education who have passed the government  
13 examination for teachers although not actually employed as such, are hereby  
14 included in this definition.

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16           (b) XXXXXXXX  
17           (c) XXXXXXXX  
18           (d) XXXXXXXX

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20           SECTION 2. Section 7 (f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "Section 7. Powers and functions- the Council shall have the following  
2 powers and functions:

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4 (a) XXXXXXXX

5 (b) XXXXXXXX

6 (c) XXXXXXXX

7 (d) XXXXXXXX

8 (e) XXXXXXXX

9 (f) Design collaborative programs or projects that will enhance pre-service  
10 teacher training, retraining, orientation and teacher development.

11 *PROVIDED, THAT ALL PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND COLLEGE*  
12 *TEACHERS SHALL UNDERGO TRAINING IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION,*  
13 *GENERAL EDUCATION AND TEACHING METHODS IN THEIR FIELD OF*  
14 *SPECIALIZATION AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS TO BE HELD*  
15 *DURING SCHOOL BREAKS. A TEACHER WHO FAILS TO UNDERGO OR*  
16 *COMPLETE THE SAID TRAINING SHALL NOT BE GIVEN ANY TEACHING*  
17 *LOAD FOR ONE (1) SCHOOL YEAR.*

18 THE RESULTS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL ALSO BE THE  
19 BASIS FOR THE PROMOTION OF TEACHERS AND THE AMOUNT OF  
20 TEACHING LOADS TO BE ALLOCATED

21 (g) XXXXXXXXXXXX

22 (h) XXXXXXXXXXXX

23 (i) XXXXXXXXXXXX

24 (j) XXXXXXXXXXXX

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26 *SECTION 3.* The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be  
27 *included in the General Appropriations Act next following its approval.*

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29 *SECTION 4.* All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or  
30 *contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.*

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32 *SECTION 5.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at  
33 *least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.*

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35 Approved.