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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to create plantilla positions in the Department of Education for volunteer teachers with at least five (5) years continuous service in the Philippine public school system and appropriating funds therefor.

Teaching may be the noblest profession; but for volunteer teachers across the country, it has failed to provide an adequate income to support their basic personal needs. A volunteer teacher receives only a meager allowance of approximately one thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500.00) per month for their services, which could hardly provide for the family needs considering the present high cost of living.

To augment a meager income, a volunteer teacher engages in various income generating activities such as selling processed food products, clothes, cosmetics, and other sundry items. The time and effort a volunteer teacher spends in pursuing these entrepreneurial endeavors could be put to better use of improving his knowledge and preparing his lesson plans.

Despite the paltry amount he receives from teaching, however, a certified volunteer teacher persists in serving his community. He continues to provide the youth the necessary knowledge and guidance to mould them into productive members of society.

For the selfless service rendered by a volunteer teacher, particularly one who is qualified and possesses the appropriate eligibility and has continuously served as volunteer teacher for at least five (5) years, it is only proper that he is given a plantilla teaching position to have a secure and adequate source of livelihood.

The creation of plantilla positions in the Department of Education for these qualified volunteer teachers will not only give them adequate income for their needs but will also accord them the dignity they truly deserve as practitioners of the noblest profession.

In view of the above-mentioned considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

  
ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV  
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**AN ACT**

**CREATING PLANTILLA POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education is hereby mandated to create plantilla  
2 teaching positions for volunteer teachers with at least five (5) years of continuous service in the  
3 public school system in the Philippines: *Provided*, That to be appointed in the plantilla position  
4 created pursuant in this Act, the volunteer must qualify and possess the appropriate civil service  
5 eligibility requirements.

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7           **SEC. 2.** The Department of Education in coordination with the Civil Service  
8 Commission, shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act within ninety (90)  
9 days after its effectivity.

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11           **SEC. 3.** The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be  
12 charged against the appropriations for the Department of Education under the current General  
13 Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued  
14 implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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1           **SEC. 4.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with  
2 this Act are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,