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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a major gauge in determining the development of a country. It is through the people that a country's hopes and aspiration are achieved.

Education to be effective must be rooted in a strong foundation. Education should start during the formative years of children, from age three to six years where the physical and intellectual development of a child rapidly progresses. At this age the child is most receptive to whatever he is made to learn. The ground work or foundation of learning should therefore begin in these early years.

In order to assure the intellectual development and value formation of our children, the preparatory education in the country must be carefully managed and operated in accordance with an updated curriculum coupled with application of the new trends in technology which will readily prepare these children to the new and advanced global trends in education.

This bill seeks to create the Commission on Preparatory School Education, define its powers and functions and appropriate the necessary funding for its establishment and operation.

The country's aspiration in providing for its citizenry an improved quality is being realized through the delivery of basic services. Providing a strong foundation and groundwork of education is a powerful implement in making the people achieve through their own means, armed with a good foundation in education, the quality of life which is everyone's earnest hope and dream.

The early approval of this bill is strongly recommended.

  
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**AN ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION ON PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "The Commission on Pre-School  
Education Act of 2010."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. The State recognizes the importance of  
education to progress and economic development. Pre-school education is the  
basic foundation necessary for the proper intellectual development and value  
formation of a child. The State shall, therefore, promote the improvement and  
development of preschool education in the Philippines.

SECTION 3. Creation of the Commission on Pre-School Education. -  
There shall be created, under the Department of Education, a Commission on  
Pre-School Education, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, which shall  
have its principal office in Metro Manila.

SECTION 4. Objective of the Commission on Pre-School Education. - The  
Commission shall promote and work for the development of pre-school education  
in the Philippines by way of prescribing and monitoring the curriculum on a  
periodical basis and constantly reviewing the instructional materials used to teach  
pre-school pupils. The Commission shall likewise safeguard the quality of pre-  
school education in the Philippines.

SECTION 5. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of this Act, the following  
terms shall mean:

- a. Pre-School Education — a preparatory course requirement for pupils  
before enrolling in a formal elementary education such as but not limited to  
nursery or kindergarten;
- b. Pre-School Pupils — children with ages from three (3) to six (6) years and  
enrolled either in nursery, kindergarten or any preparatory course;
- c. Curriculum — the course outline and requirements used to teach 'pro-  
school pupils;
- d. Instructional Materials — such materials that are used to teach, develop,  
and improve the learning capabilities of pupils.

SECTION 6. Powers and Functions — The Commission shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. to formulate a standardized curriculum for all pre-schools throughout the country and ensure that such curriculum is being used by all schools concerned;
- b. to conduct researches and similar studies on the modern methods of teaching pre-school pupils and adopt its findings in the Philippines;
- c. to periodically review the curriculum of the pre-schools and make revisions if necessary;
- d. to prepare and review instructional materials that would improve the teaching methods for pre-school;
- e. to monitor all teachers for pre-schools, study and review their skills and capabilities to teach and provide them the needed professional and technical training and experience to reinforce their competence in conducting pre-school classes;
- f. to conduct investigations and close down pre-schools which use a curriculum that is not prescribed by the Commission or any pre-school which violates any of the provisions of this Act or any of the standards set forth by the Commission;
- g. to appoint and fix the compensation of staff or personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of this Act;
- h. to negotiate and enter into contracts with, private organizations and educational institutions to undertake studies and prepare reports as the Commission may deem necessary;
- i. to prepare and adopt rules and regulations that are necessary for the operations of the Commission.

SECTION 7. Composition and Qualifications, - The Commission shall be composed of a Commissioner, who shall be assisted by a Deputy Commissioner, both of whom, shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Department of Education and subject to the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments. Both officials must be natural born citizens of the Philippines with adequate administrative experience, at least *thirty-five (35) years of age at the time of the assumption into office*, a Philosophy or Psychology graduate from any reputable school and has been in the pre-school teaching or management for at least five (5) years.

SECTION 8. Term and Compensation. — The Commission and the Deputy Commissioner shall serve for a term of three (3) years, unless sooner removed by the President for any cause: Provided, that the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner shall serve only for two (2) consecutive terms.

Unless otherwise provided by law, the annual salary of the Commissioner shall be Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (P330,000.00) and the Deputy

Commissioner TO Hundred Seventy Thousand Pesos (P270,000.00). In addition, both officials are entitled to representation, transportation and food allowances which shall in no case exceed Ten Thousand Pesos (Pt0000,000) per month.

The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner shall not, during their tenure in office, engage in the practice of any profession, or intervene, directly or indirectly, in the management or control of any private enterprise which in any way may be affected by the Junctions of the Commission.

SECTION 9. Technical and Administrative Personnel. — Such technical and administrative personnel as may be necessary to carry-out the functions of the Commission shall be appointed by the Commissioner, subject to existing civil service laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 10. Rules and Regulations. — The Secretary of Education shall within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, take necessary steps for the establishment of the Commission.

The Commission shall on the other hand within one hundred twenty (120) days from its establishment, adopt and formulate a standardized curriculum for Pre-school Education for the guidance of all pre-schools throughout the country.

SECTION 11. Funding. — The amount necessary for the establishment of the Commission shall be charged to any fund in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter such sum as may be necessary for the maintenance and continued operation of the Commission shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Acts.

Approved,