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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution states that:

Article 14, Section 2(1). The State shall establish and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

Article 14, Section 10. Science and technology are essential for national development and progress. The State shall give priority to -xxx- science and technology education, training and services.

If our country is to be globally competitive in the 21st century, we need to be one of the best in the world in mathematics and science achievement. This will require a comprehensive, age-appropriate science program for students starting in preschool.

Preschoolers need basic, age-appropriate science experiences, in order to develop educationally at a normal rate. However, these children have very limited opportunities to be exposed to science activities, as most pre-school teachers have little experience with simple science activities.

The purpose of this Act is to provide pre-school teachers with training programs, directed toward the use of age-appropriate science activities, in order to increase their student's interest in and familiarity with science. All students should have a basic exposure to science activities, in order to attain our goal of becoming one of the best in the world in mathematics and science achievement.*

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1 SECTION 3. *Evaluation and Report.* – The Secretary shall evaluate, and report to the
2 Congress every two (2) years, beginning two (2) years after the date of enactment of this Act,
3 regarding the activities assisted under this program.

4 SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provision of this act, such sum as may
5 be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the
6 sum necessary for the continuous operation of the program shall be included in the annual
7 appropriation of the Department of Education.

8 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
10 valid and subsisting.

11 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
12 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
13 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

14 SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
15 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulations.

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