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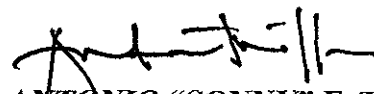
EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to a survey conducted by the National Statistics Office in 2003¹, three out of ten persons in age group six years and above have attended an elementary school, but were not able to complete the elementary level. This means that even with our Constitution asserting the importance to protect and promote the right of the citizens to quality education, the country still lacks the capacity to improve access to quality basic education, with elementary education as the first emphasis.

In this light, a legislation recognizing the need for an additional benefit that ought to be available for public school students, especially in the primary level, is essentially called for.

This bill establishes a printing office under the direction of the Department of Education. The printing office shall produce, print, distribute original materials and contract to print and distribute materials that a school district or private source has produced. This bill also sets that the said printing office shall prioritize elementary school students.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
Senator

¹ The 2003 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS), a national survey conducted by the National Statistics Office, gathers information on basic and functional literacy status of the population which will be used as basis of education policies and programs that will improve the coverage and quality of education and literacy in the country.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION PRINTING OFFICE

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Education Printing Office Act of 2008.*”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to maintain and establish an integrated system of education that is relevant and useful to the needs of public elementary and high school students.

SEC. 3. *Education Printing Office.* – The Department of Education shall establish a printing office. The printing office may:

- a) produce, print, and distribute original materials that support and enhance the instruction of the core curriculum in public schools, including workbooks, worksheets and textbooks;
- b) contract to print and distribute materials that a school district, charter school, or private source has produced;
- c) charge public schools the reasonable costs of distributed materials; and

1 d) seek input from school districts, charter schools, educators, and parents regarding the
2 development of materials.

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4 **SEC. 4. *Priorities of the Printing Office.*** – The printing office shall give the priority of
5 producing materials for kindergarten through grade three. The second priority of the printing
6 office shall be the production of materials for grades four through six.

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8 **SEC. 5. *Appropriation.*** - The funds needed for this purpose shall be taken from the
9 appropriations of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the
10 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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12 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall at any time be found to
13 be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected by such declaration shall
14 remain in full force and effect.

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16 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, rules or regulations inconsistent with the
17 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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19 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
20 its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,