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Introduced by SENATOR EDGARDO J. ANGARA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 23 November 1990, the barangay-level Total Development & Protection of Children Act was signed into law. This mandates the establishment of a day care center in every barangay.

The value of early childhood development can be better appreciated when we examine the rate of failure in the licensure examinations. For every 100 professional licensure examinees, only 32 are able to pass. Further research revealed that this performance is exhibited in all levels.

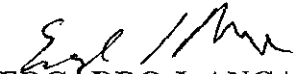
- For every 100 students who enter college, only 48 are able to earn a degree.
- For every 100 1st year high school students, only 68 are able to graduate.
- For every 100 Gr.1 entrants, only 65 are able to finish Gr.6. It was noted that 60% of school dropouts in the elementary level occur in grades 1 & 2.

We believe that a major contributing factor to our poor quality of education is the lack of preparation for our schooling. The gradual acceptance of pre-school in the country today underscores the importance of pre-school education.

Child educators agree that starting educators at pre-school age has substantial benefits to the learner and to society. By contributing to better academic performance, pre-schooling helps reduce the number of repeaters; hence we cut back on educational expenditure.

Teachers in other levels will be compelled to continuously undergo training so they could ably respond to the needs of better-prepared students entering elementary. With improved performance of teachers, we would be offering better quality education to our students. This, together with enhanced technical/vocational education, will allow us to generate a more educated labor force that will gear us to be more globally competitive.

Therefore, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


EDGARDO J. ANGARA
Senator

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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION,
INCREASING THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF DAY CARE WORKERS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Pre-school
2 *Development Act of 2010.*"

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state
5 to provide for a universal early childhood or pre-school education that promotes effective
6 social, intellectual and skills stimulation and value formation for children from 3-5 years
7 old with the end-view of amply preparing them for formal elementary schooling.

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9 **SEC. 3. Framework.** -To implement the state policy as enunciated in this act, pre-
10 school education is hereby institutionalized as part of the compulsory basic education.
11 The *barangay* day care centers, established by virtue of R.A. No. 6972, shall constitute
12 the public sector preschool institutions.

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14 The government shall provide the necessary funding support for a national public
15 sector pre-school program. Properly trained day care workers shall be responsible for
16 early childhood education, integrating health, nutrition, safety and psycho social
17 learnings in the early childhood development program.

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19 Two years after the effectivity of this Act, no student shall be admitted to Grade 1
20 without having attended at least one (1) year of pre-school education: *Provided*, that the
21 student passes a prescribed examination which shall test his preparedness in tackling the
22 curriculum for Grade 1.

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1 **SEC. 4. Coverage.** - This act shall cover initially all five (5) year old children, to
2 be extended to all 3-4 year olds as more funds become available.

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4 **SEC.5. Implementing Agency.** - The program shall be implemented by the
5 *barangay* with appropriate support from the DSWD. The *sangguniung barangay* may
6 also call upon non-government organization (NGOs) and private volunteers who are
7 responsible members of the community to assist in the proper implementation of this Act.

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9 **SEC. 6. Functions of the DSWD.** - The Department shall:

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11 (a) In coordination with the barangays, make an inventory of all existing day care
12 centers and day care workers, and determine the appropriate number of day care
13 centers and day care workers in each specific *barangay* to fully provide for the
14 pre-school education of children covered by this Act.

15 (b) In coordination by the DepEd, formulate a standard pre-school curriculum,
16 including the formulation and development of the teachers' and pupils' materials
17 and general guidelines for the organization and operation of pre-schools.

18 (c) In coordination with the DepEd, formulate, develop and extend a regular training
19 program to day care workers to ensure constant updating of their knowledge in
20 modern trends, methodologies and concepts on early childhood education.

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22 **SEC. 7. Information Dissemination.** - The Philippine Information Agency
23 (PIA), DSWD and the *sangguniung barangay* shall ensure an effective information
24 dissemination campaign on the provisions of this Act.

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26 **SEC. 8. Qualifications and Appointment of Barangay Day Care Workers.-**

27 (a) A *barangay* day care worker must be of legal age, with a good standing in the
28 community, has obtained a Bachelor's degree in Child Development Education,
29 Family Life and Child Development, Elementary Education or any related course,
30 and duly accredited by the DS WD; *Provided*, that the afore-mentioned
31 qualifications will not be prejudicial to incumbent day care workers; *Provided*
32 *further*, that the incumbent day care worker who is without the required
33 educational qualification and accreditation shall obtain the same during the
34 summer vacation until he/she has complied with the prescribed qualifications.

35 (b) A *barangay* day care worker, duly accredited by the DSWD, shall be appointed
36 by the Barangay Captain with the concurrence of the majority of the *sangguniang*
37 *barangay*.

1 **SEC. 9. Salary of Day Care Workers.** - A *barangay* day care worker shall receive
2 a monthly salary of not lower than the prevailing minimum wage set by law.

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4 **SEC. 10. Funds for the Center, the Program and Day Care Workers** - (a) The
5 funds for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of *barangay* day care centers and
6 the salary of day care workers shall be appropriated from the national budget and shall be
7 included in the General Appropriations Act.

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9 (a) Funds for curriculum development, and the development and extension of
10 training programs shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act as
11 part of the DSWD.

12 (b) The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be appropriated
13 in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law.

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15 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, rules and regulations, and
16 executive orders contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
17 accordingly.

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19 **SEC 12. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at
20 least two newspapers of general circulation.

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22 *Approved,*