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Senate Bill No. 512

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Too many people think that because they have attained a certain age, they are too old to be educated. This is not true, for as long as one is alive, there is still a lot that can be learned and achieved.

Continuing education is sought for many reasons, among them personal improvement, educational enrichment, and other similar motivations that can allow for one's growth as an individual.

The passage of this legislation is earnestly sought because it will benefit, not only the teaching professionals, but also the students. Through this Act, teachers can benefit from substantial and relevant training to improve their general knowledge and their teaching methods in their respective fields of specialization.

Hence, the passage of this legislation is earnestly sought.

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1 **AN ACT**
2 **INSTITUTING A PROGRAM FOR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION**
3 **FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC**
4 **ACT NO. 7784, "STRENGTHENING TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES**
5 **BY ESTABLISHING A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, CREATION OF TEACHER**
6 **EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS**
7 **THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**
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10 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
11 *Congress assembled:*

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 (a) of Republic Act 7784 is hereby amended to read as
13 follows:

14 "Section 2. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act:

15 (a) "Teacher" shall mean all persons engaged in the classroom teaching of any
16 subject, including practical/vocational arts at [the elementary and secondary]
17 **ALL** levels of instruction including persons performing guidance and
18 counseling, instructional supervision in all private or public education
19 instructions, but shall not include school nurses, school physicians, school
20 dentists, school administrators, and other school administrative support
21 employees. Graduates of education who have passed the government
22 examination for teachers although not actually employed as such, are hereby
23 included in this definition.
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25 (b) XXXXXX
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27 (c) XXXXXX
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29 (d) XXXXXX,"

30 **SEC. 2.** Section 7 (f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 "Section 7. Power and Functions – The council shall have the following powers
32 and functions:

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(a) XXXXXX

(b) XXXXXX

(c) XXXXXX

(d) XXXXXX

(e) XXXXXX."

(f) Design collaborative programs or projects that will enhance pre-service teacher training, in-service training, retraining, orientation, and teacher development.

> **PROVIDED, THAT ALL PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND COLLEGE TEACHERS SHALLL UNDERGO TRAINING IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION , GENERAL EDUCATION AND TEACHING METHODS IN THEIR FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS TO BE HELD DURING SCHOOL BREAKS. ANY TEACHER WHO FAILS TO UNDERGO OR COMPLETE THE SAID TRAINING SHALL NOT BE GIVEN ANY TEACHING LOAD FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE NEXT TRAINING. THE RESULTS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL ALSO BE THE BASIS FOR THE PROMOTION OF TEACHERS AND THE AMOUNT OF TEACHING LOADS TO BE ALLOCATED.**

(g) XXXXXX

(h) XXXXXX

(i) XXXXXX

(j) XXXXXX,"

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act next following its approval.

SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repeated accordingly

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

Approved,