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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17, provides:

The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Teachers should be provided with the tools and time required to master a variety of technological skills, redesign their lesson plans around technology-enhanced resources, and take on a complex new role in the technologically transformed classroom.

Unfortunately, teachers receive little support for these fundamental changes, and many are left largely on their own as they struggle to integrate technology into their curricula.

It is necessary and appropriate that our secondary and elementary teachers are afforded these opportunities in order to fulfill our commitment to providing every child with a high quality education. Otherwise, the technological transformation of our schools will go to waste.

Hence, this bill seeks to provide computer innovative assistance training programs to elementary and secondary teachers.*

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1 AN ACT
2 PROVIDING FOR COMPUTER INNOVATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO
3 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Teacher Technology Access
5 Act.”

6 SECTION 2. *Purpose.* – The purpose of this Act is to provide teachers with the tools and
7 time required to master a variety of technological skills, in order to enable them to redesign their
8 lesson plans around technologically-enhanced resources, and take on a complex new role in the
9 technologically transformed classroom.

10 SECTION 3. *Acquisition of Computer Hardware and Software by Elementary and*
11 *Secondary Teachers.* – The Secretary of Education (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)
12 shall acquire computer hardware and software and related peripheral equipment to be distributed
13 to various elementary and public schools in the country for use of public elementary and
14 secondary school teachers. Such equipment shall not include computer software that is primarily
15 used for entertainment or amusement.

16 SECTION 4. *Innovative Assistance Program.* – The Secretary, in coordination with the
17 Department of Science and Technology, shall offer or provide for the offering of computer
18 innovative assistance programs to public elementary and secondary school teachers on
19 scholarship basis.

1 SECTION 5. *Components.* – The computer innovative assistance program components
2 shall include —

3 (A) Basic computer training programs that shall consist of software and hardware
4 troubleshooting. The program to be formulated shall consist of three to five (3-5) months hands-
5 on training;

6 (B) Technology programs related to professional development to assist teachers and
7 other school officials regarding on how to effectively use computer hardware and software
8 related peripheral equipment; and

9 (C) Programs for the acquisition and use of instructional and educational materials,
10 including library services and materials (including media materials) relating to software and
11 hardware for instructional use.

12 SECTION 6. *Assessment.* – The Secretary shall, on a yearly basis beginning one (1) year
13 after the effectivity of this Act, assess for possible modifications and improvement the
14 implementation of computer innovative assistance programs implemented under this Act and
15 their effect on participants in terms of their capability to incorporate and integrate technologies
16 into their teaching.

17 SECTION 7. *Funding.* – There is hereby appropriated such sums as may be necessary to
18 carry out the provisions of this Act.

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

22 SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
23 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
24 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

1 SECTION 10. *Effectivity Clause.* -- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,