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**SENATE**

S. No. 75

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**Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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**AN ACT  
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES  
ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XIV, Section 2 (1) of the 1987 Constitution provides that: "The State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society." Further, Section 5 (5) of the same Article states that, "The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfilment."

There are many issues confronting our educational system, particularly the public school teachers. The concerns about the increase in their salaries, insurance and other benefits, the teacher-student ratio, workload, and professional development needs a comprehensive approach to be able to fully maximize their potentials and contributions to provide quality education to our youth.

One basic necessity that needs immediate attention, however, is the provision of budget for classroom supplies. The Department of Education (DepEd) allocates

an annual allowance for the public school teachers called "chalk allowance". It is an amount given for the purchase chalk, erasers, pens, papers, and other classroom supplies that they need to aid them in teaching. The said chalk allowance is provided under the annual General Appropriations Act, which is subject to increase or decrease depending on the proposal and approval of the legislators and the President.

In 2011, it amounted to PhP700.00 per teacher per school year and was increased to PhP1,000.00 in 2012. When this administration assumed office in 2016, the said allowance amounted to PhP1,500.00 which steadily increased to PhP2,500.00 in 2017 and PhP3,500.00 in 2018. It was proposed to be increased to PhP5,000.00 in 2019 but such proposal was not granted.

This measure aims to provide a specific legislation for the allocation of chalk allowance, which shall be called "Teaching Supplies Allowance". Initially, it proposes P5,000 per teacher per year, but provides for a periodic review for necessary increases in the succeeding years.

This measure was already approved by the Senate on Third Reading during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Teaching Supplies  
2 Allowance Act of 2019".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the  
4 State to promote and improve the economic status of teachers and assist them in  
5 providing quality education to their students.

6 Sec. 3. *Teaching Supplies Allowance.* - A Teaching Supplies Allowance for  
7 the purchase of chalks, erasers, forms, and other classroom supplies and materials  
8 in the amount of Five thousand pesos (PhP5,000.00) per teacher per school year is  
9 hereby authorized.

10 Sec. 4. *Coverage.* - The grant of the cash allowance authorized in this Act  
11 shall be limited to teachers who are engaged in actual classroom teaching in public  
12 basic education.

13 Sec. 5. *Funding.* - In the first year of the effectivity of this Act, the amount of  
14 Two thousand five hundred pesos (PhP2,500.00) per teacher per school year, shall  
15 be charged against the current appropriations of the Department of Education

1 (DepEd) for the Teaching Supplies Allowance, while the additional amount of Two  
2 thousand five hundred pesos (PhP2,500.00) per teacher per school year, shall be  
3 charged against any available funds and/or savings of the DepEd. Thereafter, the  
4 amount of Five thousand pesos (PhP5,000.00) per teacher per school year, shall be  
5 included in the DepEd budget for the Teaching Supplies Allowance under the  
6 General Appropriations Act.

7         *Sec. 6. Periodic Review for Increases.* – The Secretary of Education is hereby  
8 mandated to conduct a periodic review of the Teaching Supplies Allowance, taking  
9 into account the current prices of classroom supplies, and, if warranted, recommend  
10 the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance.

11         *Sec. 7. Separability Clause.* – If any part, section or provision of this Act is  
12 held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in  
13 full force and effect.

14         *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or  
15 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

16         *Sec. 9. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
17 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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19         Approved,