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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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SENATE

S.B. No. 1541

(In Substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1438, 1452 and 1457)

Prepared by the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture with Senators Sotto III, Villanueva, Tolentino and Gatchalian as authors thereof.

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7797, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) DAYS TO NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS DAYS"

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

1 Section 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7797, otherwise known as "An Act to
2 Lengthen the School Calendar from Two Hundred (200) Days to Not More Than Two
3 Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days," is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 3 Start of the School Year. – The school year shall start on the first
5 Monday of June but not later than the last day of August, PROVIDED THAT,
6 IN THE EVENT OF A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, STATE
7 OF CALAMITY OR SIMILAR OCCURRENCE, THE PRESIDENT, UPON THE
8 RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, MAY SET A

1 DIFFERENT DATE FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN THE
2 COUNTRY OR PARTS THEREOF.

3 In the implementation of this Act, the Secretary of Education [~~Culture~~
4 ~~and Sports~~] shall determine the end of the regular school year, taking into
5 consideration the Christmas and summer vacations, and the peculiar
6 circumstances of each region.

7 In the exercise of this authority, the Secretary of Education [~~Culture and~~
8 ~~Sports~~] may authorize the holding of Saturday classes for elementary and
9 secondary levels for public and private schools.”

10 *Sec. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within thirty (30) days after
11 the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education, in consultation with relevant
12 stakeholders, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective
13 implementation.

14 *Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive
15 orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent
16 with, or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, amended, or
17 repealed accordingly.

18 *Sec. 4. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication
19 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,