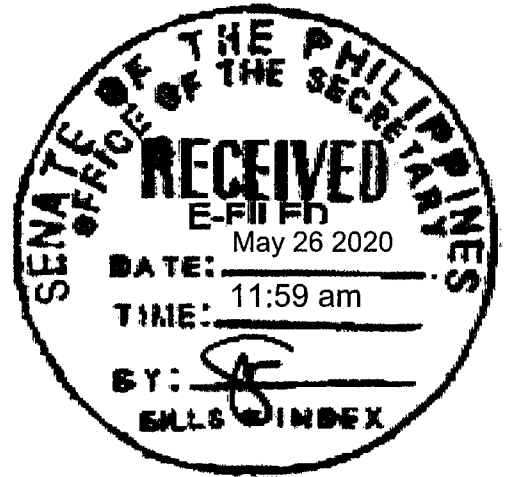


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 87

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture  
on May 26, 2020.

Re: Senate Bill No. 1541.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1438, 1452 and 1457.

Sponsor: Win Gatchalian

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture to which were referred  
**Senate Bill No. 1438**, introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7977, 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"**

**Senate Bill No. 1452**, introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva, entitled:

**"AN ACT**

**AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO POSTPONE THE START OF SCHOOL YEAR IN CASE OF DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, STATE OF CALAMITY OR SIMILAR OCCURRENCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7977, 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'"**

and **Senate Bill No. 1457**, introduced by Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
AUTHORIZING THE DEFERMENT OF THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES AND CALAMITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7977 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

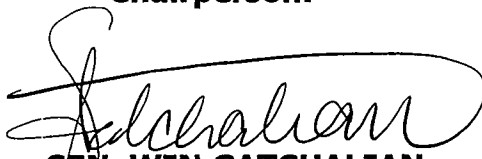
has considered the same and has the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 1541**, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**"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 approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1438, 1452 and 1457 with Senators Sotto III, Villanueva, Tolentino and Gatchalian as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

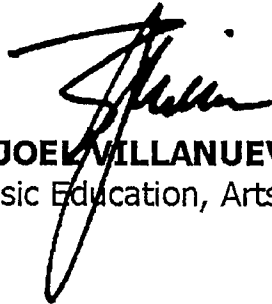
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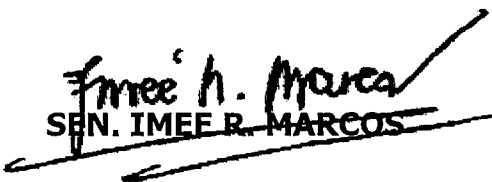
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For the substitute bill Amending Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7797

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S.B. No. 1541

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

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**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,