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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article XIV, Section 2 (1) mandates that the State shall:

SEC. 2 (1). Establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

In order to effectively implement educational reforms, we need to be able to establish a system of evaluation that would accurately measure the performance of our students. In such program, we need the assistance of the local government units to be able to focus efforts on the students as grouped geographically thus removing the possible inefficiencies of coordinating a massive scale study and allow the generation of benchmark information from successful programs, which can be used by the less successful ones.

By establishing a system of grant to fund efforts to determine the best performance evaluation for students, we would be able to secure the assistance of the academe in preparing the groundwork towards the formulation of a continuing national evaluation program that makes use of the current measures of performance.

This bill seeks to mandate the Department of Education to work with the provincial government towards the development of evaluation programs for our students. ¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session

1 A. To empower provincial units to develop assessment systems that—

- 2 1. are aligned with student learning standards;
- 3 2. provide multiple measures of student learning, including performance
4 assessments that assess higher order thinking and performance skills;
- 5 3. include local assessments that provide timely, diagnostic information about
6 student learning;
- 7 4. are consistent with nationally recognized professional standards for test
8 construction and test use, including standards of fairness, reliability, and
9 validity;
- 10 5. employ principles of universal design and use appropriately designed
11 assessments and accommodations for special populations and English
12 language learners; and
- 13 6. are used for purposes for which they are valid and reliable.

14 B. To ensure that local assessments include common assessments developed for use at
15 the school or district level, and classroom-based evidence obtained from curriculum-
16 embedded assessments. Such assessments may be used in the provincial assessment
17 system when they—

- 18 1. assess student learning in light of content standards, including higher order
19 thinking and performance skills;
- 20 2. meet technical requirements of validity and reliability;
- 21 3. are fair and unbiased;
- 22 4. include multiple sources of evidence about student learning; and
- 23 5. can be used to demonstrate student progress toward and attainment of
24 proficiency.

25 SECTION 4. *Program Established.* – the Secretary shall award grants to State funded
26 educational agencies that demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary, based on peer review,
27 that the requirements of this Act will be met, to--

- 1 A. enable provinces (or consortia of provinces) to collaborate with institutions of higher
2 education, other research institutions, or other organizations to improve the quality,
3 validity, and reliability of provincial and local academic assessments;
- 4 B. enable provinces to develop the capacity of local education agencies to validly and
5 reliably assess student academic achievement using multiple sources of evidence,
6 including school-based performance assessments; and
- 7 C. enable provinces and local districts to develop the capacity of teachers and school
8 leaders to develop, use, and reliably evaluate the results of locally-administered
9 performance assessments.

10 SECTION 5. *Duration.* – Each grant under this section shall be for a period of not more
11 than 5 years.

12 SECTION 6. *Technical Assistance.* – Each province receiving a grant under this section
13 shall allocate at least 5 percent of the grant for technical assistance. The province shall use that
14 allocation to work with universities or other non-profit research organizations that have expertise
15 in performance assessments for assistance in the development, implementation, evaluation and
16 improvement of province and local performance assessment systems. The universities and non-
17 profit research organizations shall use the amounts to develop tools provinces can use, such as
18 various methods for weighting indicators used in the assessment and improvement system or
19 means for evaluating assessments systems and the consequences of their use.

20 SECTION 7. *Allowable Uses.* – A grant under this Act may be used for:

- 21 A. developing, piloting, and validating performance assessments that are or will be
22 incorporated into their assessment systems;
- 23 B. training teachers and school leaders to score such assessments; and
- 24 C. developing and testing systems for auditing or moderating the scoring process to
25 ensure reliability and validity of such assessments.

1 SECTION 8. *Subgrant.* – The province may, pursuant to criteria established by the
2 province, make subgrants to local educational agencies or schools to—

3 A. develop and implement local performance assessments; and

4 B. train teachers and school leaders to score and use such assessments for tracking
5 student progress and for guiding curriculum and instruction.

6 SECTION 9. *Formative Assessments.* – A province, local educational agency, or school
7 may use funds under this section to support the development and implementation of formative
8 assessments that are performance-based and that enable schools to provide detailed feedback to
9 students and teachers to enable them to improve their learning and teaching.

10 SECTION 10. *Other Uses.* – A State may retain a portion of the grant amounts to—

11 A. develop integrated State assessment systems that incorporate and weight multiple
12 measures, including the results of periodic standardized tests and State or local
13 performance assessments;

14 B. collaborate with other States in sharing knowledge on the development and use of
15 such systems and their assessment components;

16 C. provide assistance to local educational agencies and schools in developing and
17 implementing their assessments; or

18 D. evaluate the local assessments.

19 SECTION 11. *Requirements.* – Any province that receives funds under this Act shall
20 meet the following requirements:

21 A. Ensure that high-quality professional development is available for educators to help
22 develop and learn to use and score the assessments.

23 B. Develop means to ensure that provincial and local assessments are aligned to learning
24 standards, meet professional assessment standards, are unbiased, and valid for the

1 purposes for which they will be used, and are scored reliably. These means shall
2 include mechanisms for training scorers and providing a process of expert review,
3 auditing, or moderation to ensure the integrity of the scoring process.

4 SECTION 12. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such amount as
5 hereby necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National Treasury.

6 SECTION 13. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
7 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
8 valid and subsisting.

9 SECTION 14. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
10 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent
11 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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

14 Approved,

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