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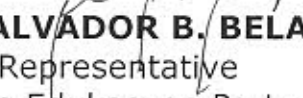
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The role of Parents-Teachers Associations (PTAs) in promoting quality education has been recognized in developed countries such as the United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK), as well as in other Asian countries. India and Malaysia have made it mandatory for schools to form their PTAs. In fact, there are countries which organized their PTAs into a national organization.

In the United States, the National Parent Teachers Association has worked for more than 100 years towards "bettering the lives of every child in education, health and safety". Founded in 1897, the National PTA serves as "a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education." It is presently operating as "a network of millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools".

This bill seeks to strengthen the role of PTAs in the Philippine educational system.


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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARENTS-TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION (PTA) IN THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. The State recognizes the crucial role of parents and teachers in ensuring education for all.

SEC. 3. Scope. All schools, whether public or private shall be covered by this Act.

SEC. 4. Procedure. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall make it mandatory for all public and private elementary and high schools to form their Parents-Teachers association (PTA) and elect their respective set of officers who shall then act to ensure the active participation of the PTA in achieving the objectives of education for all, as well as supporting the school administration in terms of improving school curriculum, facilities and other related programs. The PTA may also be tapped assist in such concerns that affect not only the students, parents, teachers and the school administration such as that relating to security of the school, calamity preparedness of the community where the school is located, curbing drug addiction and the implementation of programs that will redound to the benefit of all stakeholders in the educational process. A National Parents-Teachers Association (NPTA) with regional representation shall be organized to work closely with the DepEd National

Secretariat. To ensure continuity in programs, each PTA shall have a term of at least Three (3) years with mandatory election of officers at the end of such three year terms. Also, funds shall be automatically allocated by the National Government for every PTA of every school.

SEC. 5. Additional rules and regulations which will further the purpose of this Act may be determined or formulated by the Department of Education.

SEC. 6. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.