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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 956

Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture and Higher and Technical Education on NOV 27 2018

Re : **House Bill No. 8654**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7109

Sponsors : Representatives Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, Paolo Everardo S. Javier and Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno

Madam Speaker:

The Committees on Basic Education and Culture and Higher and Technical Education to which was referred House Bill No. 7109, introduced by Representative Roa-Puno entitled:


**AN ACT
REQUIRING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO PROVIDE
LEFT-HANDED ARMCHAIRS**

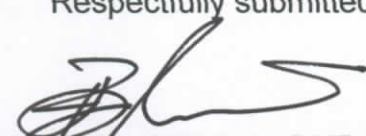
have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8654,
entitled:

**AN ACT
MANDATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE THE
APPROPRIATE ARMCHAIRS TO LEFT-HANDED STUDENTS**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7109 with Representatives Roa-Puno, Del Rosario, Tinio, Nuñez-Malanyaon, Revilla, Pacquiao, Lazatin, Belmonte (R.), Quimbo, Sacdalan, Dalipe, Uy, Tambunting Castro(F.L.), Yu, Kho, Alcala, Sagarbarria, Adiong, Sandoval, Tejada, Hofer, Sy-Alvarado, Lopez (M.L.) Rocamora, Roman, Aquino-Magsaysay, Ortega (V.N), Cayetano, Malapitan, Savellano, Garbin, Atienza, Santos-Recto, Ortega, Durano VI, Javier, Lanete, Robes, Gonzalez (F), Bolilia, and Elago as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8654
(In substitution of House Bill No. 7109)

Introduced by Representatives Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno, Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, Antonio L. Tinio, Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Strike B. Revilla, Rogelio D. Pacquiao, Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo, Jesus Nonato Sacdalan, Manuel Jose M. Dalipe, Rolando "Klarex" A. Uy, Gus S. Tambunting, France L. Castro, Divina Grace C. Yu, Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, Vicente "Kulit" J. Alcala, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Ansaruddin A.M.A. Adiong, Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Ann K. Hofer, Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado, Manuel Luis T. Lopez, Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora, Geraldine B. Roman, Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Vini Nola A. Ortega, Pia S. Cayetano, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Alfredo A. Garbin Jr., Jose L. Atienza Jr., Vilma Santos-Recto, Pablo C. Ortega, Ramon "Red" Durano VI, Paolo S. Javier, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Fernando V. Gonzalez, Lianda B. Bolilia, and Sarah Jane Elago

AN ACT
MANDATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO
PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE ARMCHAIRS TO LEFT-HANDED STUDENTS

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "*Mandatory Provision of Left-*
2 *Handed Armchairs in Educational Institutions Act.*"

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4 **SEC. 2.** The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and
5 shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-
6 being. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the equal development
7 of students, including those who are left-handed. Towards this end, the State shall
8 require educational institutions to provide appropriate armchairs to address the needs
9 of the left-handed student population.

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1 **SEC. 3.** It shall be obligatory for all educational institutions, both public and
2 private, that make use of armchairs in the classroom to provide the appropriate
3 armchairs for left-handed students, equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of the
4 student population.

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6 **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of
7 Education, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Technical Education and
8 Skills Development Authority shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing
9 the provisions of this Act.

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11 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
12 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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14 *Approved,*

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8654

AN ACT

MANDATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE ARMCHAIRS TO LEFT-HANDED STUDENTS

(As Approved on 19 November 2018)

Introduced by: **Representatives** with Representatives Roa-Puno, Del Rosario, Tinio, Nuñez-Malanyaon, Revilla, Pacquiao, Lazatin, Belmonte (R.), Quimbo, Sacdalan, Dalipe, Uy, Tambunting Castro(F.L.), Yu, Kho, Alcala, Sagarbarria, Adiong, Sandoval, Tejada, Hofer, Sy-Alvarado, Lopez (M.L.) Rocamora, Roman, Aquino-Magsaysay, Ortega (V.N), Cayetano, Malapitan, Savellano, Garbin, Atienza, Santos-Recto, Ortega, Durano VI, Javier, Lanete, Robes, Gonzalez (F), Bolilia, and Elago as authors thereof.

Committee Referral: **Committee on Basic Education and Culture**

Committee Chairperson: **Rep. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI**

Committee Referral: **Committee on Higher & Technical Education**

Committee Chairperson: **Paolo Everardo S. Javier**

OBJECTIVES:

- To promote the well-being of students, including those who are left-handed

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Mandates all educational institutions, both public and private, to provide left-handed armchairs equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of the student population.
- Mandates the DepEd, CHED and TESDA to issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

RELATED LAWS:

- R.A. 9155 - "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001"
- R.A. 7722 - "Higher Education Act of 1994"
- R.A. 7796 - "An Act Creating The Technical Education And Skills Development Authority, Providing For Its Powers, Structure And For Other Purposes"