COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1217

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Higher and Technical Education on September 13, 2021.

Re: House Resolution No. 2211

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1467.

Sponsors: Reps. Romulo and M. Go

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Higher and Technical Education to which was referred House Resolution No. 1467, introduced by Rep. Roman T. Romelo, entitled:

RESOLUTION

URGING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PASS AN ORDINANCE WAIVING ALL REGULATORY FEES DUE FROM PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN BASIC EDUCATION, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL AND IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Resolution No. 2211, entitled:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson
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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 on 8 March 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country and, thereafter, issued Proclamation No. 929 on 16 March 2020 declaring a State of Calamity Throughout the Country in view of the threat from the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, physical distancing and community quarantine, among others, were implemented in the entire country to contain the spread of COVID-19, causing slowdown of business operations, widespread unemployment, and adverse effect in the education sector;

WHEREAS, the necessity to conduct distance learning in all schools prejudiced the traditional school programs both in the public and private educational institutions, limiting both the scholastic and extra-curricular activities;

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Education, about 865 private schools had closed their operations for the School Year 2020-2021, which affected more than 3,000 teachers and 40,000 students, while another 398,000 students transferred from private schools to the public schools at the start of the school year;

WHEREAS, the migration of students to public schools caused a significant decrease in private schools’ enrolment and caused them serious financial problems to the detriment of about 409,757 teaching and non-teaching personnel in various private educational institutions throughout the country;

WHEREAS, while Section 132 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the “Local Government Code of 1991”, provides that the power to impose tax, fee or charge, or to generate revenue shall be exercised by the Sanggunian of a local government unit (LGU)
through an ordinance, Section 192 of the same law allows the LGU, through an ordinance, to grant tax exemptions, incentives, or reliefs under such terms and conditions as necessary;

WHEREAS, the grant of the waiver of fees by the LGU will provide reprieve to private educational institutions and their respective employees from the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and thus, ensure sustainability of school operations while providing quality education to all learners;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To urge all LGUs to pass an ordinance waiving the collection of all forms of regulatory fees due from private educational institutions in basic education, technical and vocational, and higher education for Calendar Year 2021-2022.

Adopted,