

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Philippines

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3883



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED VARGAS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 2, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that:

"The State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society"

"Homework" is generally defined as schoolwork brought at home. Homework can also be defined as tasks assigned to students by schoolteachers that are meant to be carried out during non-instructional time.

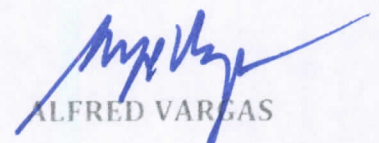
In 2018, a study conducted in Western Cape Province, South Africa states that the national discussions on homework reflects on how homework is perceived, with scholars arguing that homework is a burden for children and parents, family time has declined, and undermining of learning interest (Bempechat et al., 2011; Kohn, 2006; Kralovec & Buell, 2000).

In addition, a few landmark studies have suggested that homework does impact upon family life, in some cases in a negative way (Dudley-Marling, 2003; Xu & Corno, 1998); yet in general, it is positively associated with academic achievement (Carmichael & MacDonald, 2016; Cooper, Robinson & Patall, 2006).

This bill aims to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being of the youth to the end that the youth realize their potential for improving the quality of life must always be observed.

This bill also seeks to establish a "No Homework on Weekends Policy" for students to enjoy their free time from the precisions of school during weekends and to be able to have a quality time with their family and friends.

Thus, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NO-HOMEWORK POLICY FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AND
HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY

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 "No Homework on Weekends Act of 2019".

SECTION 2. *Policy*. - All Elementary and High Schools in the country shall not allow teachers to give any homework or assignments to their students over the weekend.

SECTION 3. *Rules and Regulations* - The Department of Education (DepEd) shall formulate the pertinent rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. *Fines and Penalties* - Teachers who will violate this act shall be penalized with fifty thousand pesos (P50,000) and/or shall be sentenced to jail for one to two years.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause*. - If, for any reason, any part, section, or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. *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.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity* - This act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,