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House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4852



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED VARGAS

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NO-HOMEWORK ON WEEKENDS
FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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"

According to a study conducted by Dr. Verbra Pfeiffer of the Faculty of Education, Stellenbosch University in South Africa, "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.

Finland, South Korea and Japan are among the top countries in terms of the best education system in the world. These countries implement zero to less homework among students and it was proven that they have higher success rates in terms of college graduates.

In addition from the research of Dr. Pfeiffer, 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" for students to enjoy their free time from school pressure 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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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 School in the country shall encourage teachers to refrain from giving 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. *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,