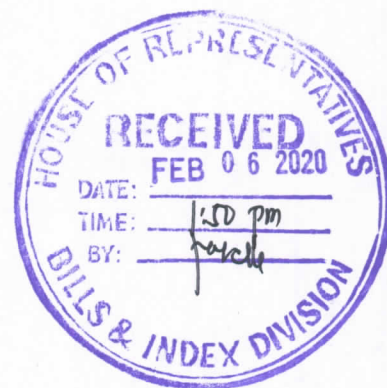


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6221



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Introduced by Representative **ALYSSA SHEENA TAN**

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**AN ACT  
CODIFYING THE ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE LAWS,  
REORGANIZING THE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION BOARD INTO THE  
NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR CHILD CARE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Constitution provides in Section 3 (2) of Article XV that "the State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development." Therefore, the promotion of children's rights and welfare shall be in the forefront of our legislative efforts in the current Congress.

Notwithstanding the numerous initiatives from various government agencies, non-government organizations and the private sector, the Philippines still lacks a strong mandate to carry out this objective. Based on a report by the United Nations' Children's Right and Emergency Relief Organization, about 1.8 million Filipino children are deprived of a safe living environment as they are abandoned or neglected. These children are exposed to extreme poverty, armed conflicts and natural disasters. Hence, there is an urgent call for a measure to address this concern.

This bill aims to establish a backbone for every child and champion their well-being. It seeks to improve and streamline all existing alternative child care laws in order to ensure that children without parental care are given access to the opportunity of having a secured home and a loving family.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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