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HOUSE BILL NO. 9502



Introduced by **HON. JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING**

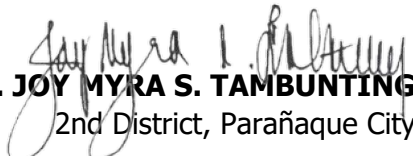
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

While online classes seem to be the ideal alternative method of learning and education in times of a pandemic, such as the COVID-19, the public-school sector is challenged on different fronts to regularly keep up with its requirements. It is a fact that many of our public-school students are not financially capable of engaging in online classes. The need to continuously deliver quality education to our students even in times of crisis, isolation, unrest or pandemic demands a creative approach through alternative learning systems, such as that proposed in this bill.

As an alternative, this measure proposes a Television (TV) Broadcast Education Program as an alternative method of education where students can experience learning and attend classes through aerial broadcasting of a live, real time class session. Televised classes will help all learners to the new norm, reach remote and far flung areas, and ensure that everyone will have the opportunity to academically progress and thrive. The hours for the airing of the TV broadcast education program can be the same as the regular daily classroom time and attuned to their usual routine to ensure quality education. The hours of airing shall also be flexible in catering to learners.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE TELEVISION (TV) BROADCASTING EDUCATION PROGRAM AS
AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM FOR BASIC EDUCATION (TELEVISION ALS
ACT)

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as “Television Alternative Learning System Act.”

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure the continuous delivery of “quality education for all” through the alternative learning system of television broadcasting education, even in times of crises, isolation, insurgencies, unrest, pandemics, and other calamities.

Sec. 3. Applicability. – This Act shall cover all public schools offering elementary, junior and senior high school education.

This Act Shall be applicable at all times specially during crisis such as insurgencies, unrests, pandemics, and other natural or man-made calamities that would hinder the physical presence and safety of students in schools.

Sec. 4. Television (TV) Broadcasting Education Program. – The Television (TV) Broadcast Education Program is an alternative method of education where students can experience learning and attend classes through aerial broadcasting of a live, real time class session.

Sec. 5. Televised Broadcast Education Program. – The free TV broadcast education program airtime shall be the same as the prescribed hours needed under the regular classroom type mode of the DepEd curriculum to assure quality education.

To gain education progression credits, enrollment in person should be made in a school proximate to the students' residence.

In case where being physically present in school would extremely be difficult, students enrolled in regular classroom schooling can use the TV broadcast ALS upon DepEd approval.

Sec. 6. Government Institution in Partnership with Television Broadcasting Networks.

– The Department of Education (DepEd) shall partner with TV network/s, national or regional, capable of covering aerial broadcasting to all areas of the country.

DepEd should adapt teaching and instructional policies that adheres and complements the peculiarity of every region in respect to its customs, cultures, arts and laws.

Government agencies and the National Telecommunication Commission (NTC) are mandated to provide the necessary assistance such as, but not limited to, the acquisition of frequencies or channels and all other requirements needed for the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 7. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Education shall issue the implementing rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 9. Separability Clause. – If any provision or portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not thereby affected remains in full force and effect.

Sec. 10. Repealing Clause. – Any laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,