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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 48

Introduced by
ACT Teachers Party-List Rep. FRANCE L. CASTRO,
BAYAN MUNA Party-List Rep. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE,
Rep. FERDINAND GAITE and Rep. EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,
GABRIELA Women's Party Rep. ARLENE D. BROSAS,
and **KABATAAN Party-List Rep. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT TO THE
COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE ON THE DELAYED REMITTANCE
OR NON-REMITTANCE OF THE PERSONAL AND GOVERNMENT SHARES OF
TEACHERS' GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Section 6 (b) of Republic Act 8219 or the *Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Act of 1997* states that "each employer shall remit directly to the GSIS the employees' and employers' contributions within the first ten (10) days of the calendar month following the month to which the contributions apply. The remittance by the employer of the contributions to the GSIS shall take priority over and above the payment of any and all obligations, except salaries and wages of its employees";

WHEREAS, the law also provides for a 2% interest per month for delayed remittance;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these provisions, one of the long-running concerns in the field is the delayed remittance and worse, the non-remittance of GSIS premiums, despite the fact that the said contributions are automatically deducted from the teachers' monthly salaries;

WHEREAS, ACT Teachers Party-List has received several reports and complaints regarding the delayed remittance or non-remittance by the Department of Education (DepEd) of the personal and government shares of the teachers' contribution to GSIS;

WHEREAS, the DepEd Batangas Province Division's failure to timely remit premiums for March, May, June, July (all in 2017), for example, incurred almost P1.93 Million in interest. Aside from the delay, the premiums for April 2017 still remain unremitted;

WHEREAS, DepEd's delayed or non-remittance of GSIS premiums of public school teachers resulted in penalties and interests amounting to millions of pesos which, by law, must be paid for by the agency using public funds;

WHEREAS, as provided under GSIS Law, the heads of offices and agencies shall be administratively liable for non-remittance or delayed remittance of premium contributions to the GSIS;

WHEREAS, DepEd must be held accountable for its failure or negligence in its obligations under the GSIS Law, which eventually deprive teachers of their benefits;

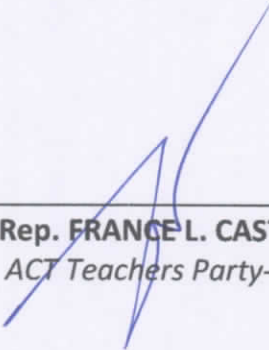
WHEREAS, the DepEd should immediately remit these contributions, and check with all its regional and division offices to see the extent of these problems and if they still exist;

WHEREAS, DepEd Secretary Briones should immediately address the issue and order the remittance of all pending contributions for GSIS;

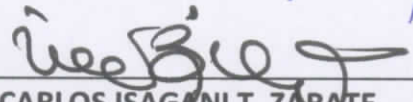
WHEREAS, an inquiry is needed to address the issue of delayed remittances and non-remittance of teachers' GSIS premiums.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives direct the Department of Education to report to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on the delayed remittance or non-remittance of the personal and government shares of teachers' Government Service Insurance System.

Adopted,



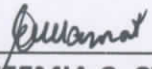
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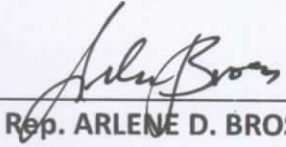
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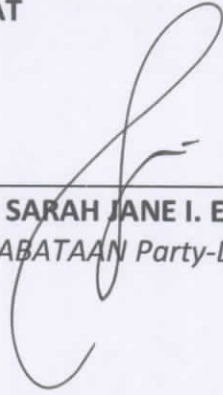
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