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ESTABLISHING A NO-HOMEWORK POLICY FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AND  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Effective homework is homework with a purpose. Most research shows that homework is most effective when "*it covers a topic already taught, is given for review, or is used to reinforce skills previously learned*".

In a 2009 study conducted by The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Program for International Student Assessment (OECD PISA), it found out that the additional time invested in homework has a negligible impact on students' performance. Countries that have significantly reduced homework load on students expounds that there is correlation to assigning more homework to students and increased level of anxiety that leads to low motivation in school work. The productivity and attitude of kids towards education is lowered, which in turn leads to more dropout rates and lesser grades. Relatedly, less homework creates more parent-child time that allows the child to engage in more co-curricular activities. The additional time allows the children to relax their mind, and increases their ability to better grasp concepts.

This bill aims to institutionalize and expand the Department of Education (DepEd) Memorandum Circular No. 392, s. 2010 which is the main guidelines on giving homework or assignments to all public elementary school pupils.

In view of ensuring the welfare of the learners in this post pandemic era, the immediate approval of this bill is most earnestly sought.

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

- 1           Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*No Homework Act of*  
2 *2023*".
- 3           Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
4 safeguard the welfare of learners, protect their right to a balanced life, and uphold  
5 equality among learners from different socio-economic backgrounds.
- 6           Sec. 3. *Coverage.* - This Act shall apply to all elementary and junior high schools  
7 in the country.
- 8           Sec. 4. *No Mandatory Homework or Assignment on Weekends.* - All elementary  
9 and junior high schools in the country shall be prohibited from requiring any homework  
10 or assignments to students from Kinder to Grade 12 on weekends. Assigning  
11 mandatory homework to students will only be allowed on weekdays: *Provided, That*  
12 *such homework shall be minimal and will not require more than two (2) hours to be*  
13 *completed: Provided, further, That assigning homework on weekends shall be on a*  
14 *voluntary basis.*
- 15           Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* - Within one hundred  
16 twenty (120) days from the date of effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education  
17 (DepEd) shall formulate the IRR to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

1           Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
2 unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain  
3 in full force and effect.

4           Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and  
5 other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,  
6 amended or modified accordingly.

7           Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
8 publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation  
9 in the Philippines.

*Approved,*