

HONORABLE ANGELICA NATASHA CO

Chairperson
Committee on the Welfare of Children
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear **Representative CO**,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) **supports House Bill Nos. 3307 and 4319** entitled: "An Act Strengthening Early Childhood Care and Development System, Revising for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10410, Otherwise Known as the "**Early Years Act of 2013**", and Appropriating Funds Therefor", introduced by Rep. Josefina B. Tallado and Rep. Gus S. Tambunting, respectively.

It is advised that the Committee provide clearer format for the amendments or deletion of some of the provisions for R.A. 10410.

For the enhancement of the Bills, we suggest the following:

1. On the **Title** of the Bill, to change the word "Revising" to "Amending".

2. **Section 1 of Section 11 of Republic Act No. 10410**

2.1 We commend the proponent of these house bills in prioritizing the funds for the beneficiaries of this Republic Act. As such, the DSWD has no further recommendations as the preparation of the government's budget every year is in accordance with the provision of the Constitution which requires the President to submit a budget of expenditure and sources of financing within 30 days from the opening of every regular session of Congress.

2.2 To **retain the 2nd paragraph of the 18th Congress Substitute Bill** as this provides for augmentation funds for allowances and training of child development workers.

3. **Sec. 2** of the Substitute Bill, which reads:

"All laws, decrees, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations, issuances, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are deemed repealed or amended accordingly."

To **retain the wordings of Section 2 of the 18th Congress Substitute Bill.**

4. **Sec. 3** of the Substitute Bill, which reads:


"This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation."

To retain the wordings provided in Section 3 of the 18th Congress Substitute Bill since publication in one newspaper of general circulation is economical.

This is being submitted for the Chairperson's consideration.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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OIC, Secretary
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