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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. **11908**]

AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARENT EFFECTIVENESS SERVICE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 “The Parent Effectiveness Service Program Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State to recognize the sanctity of family life, protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution and foundation of the nation, strengthen its solidarity, and actively promote its total development. The

responsible and effective parenting and may develop and prescribe additional modules as may be necessary.

The LGUs may design and contextualize their own modules as they deem appropriate, taking into consideration the needs and challenges of the families in the communities under their respective jurisdictions, and the progress and result of the PES Program implementation: *Provided*, That such modifications are consistent with existing laws.

SEC. 6. *Research Methods, Analytical Framework, and Assessment of the PES Program.* – To continuously and effectively improve the design and implementation of the PES Program, the DSWD, in coordination with the DepEd, the ECCD Council, the SGCs, the DOH, the DOJ, and the DILG through the LGUs, shall conduct research focused on effective and evidence-based policies and best practices on parent effectiveness, child welfare, child development, adolescence, family, health, education, and social protection, among others.

An analytical framework shall be established to determine how parent effectiveness and child development are interrelated. The analytical framework shall be utilized, among others, to gauge the use of resources, evaluate the efficiency, understand the forms and drivers of change and the linkages between certain programmatic features and outcomes, and assess the sustainability of the PES Program.

The LGUs shall continuously evaluate the effectiveness of the PES Program by devising data-driven metrics, including but not limited to, the participation rate of the parents and parent-substitutes in the PES Program and the result of the children's feedback of their parents and parent-substitutes.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Tools for the PES Program.* – The PES Program, particularly the parent effectiveness sessions, shall be implemented by the cities and municipalities through their respective social welfare and development offices and LGUs. Parent effectiveness sessions shall be conducted in every barangay at such schedule and interval to be determined by the social welfare and the LGU officers concerned. For this purpose, the officers shall, on an annual basis, prepare and submit to the local chief executive a complete program and schedule of the parent effectiveness sessions covering all barangays of their respective jurisdictions.

Reaching parents to facilitate and share skills and knowledge about parenting and support to learning may include home visits which may be effective to recognize, respect, and build on existing strengths of parents and parent-substitutes.

The DSWD and the LGUs are encouraged to develop other training mechanisms that can be used in the implementation of the PES Program, such as home and modular training packages that can be deployed through social media.

Distance PES Program may likewise be used as a tool to raise awareness about the importance of responsible and effective parenting within the broader community. Private organizations accredited by the DSWD may also implement the PES Program in coordination with the concerned LGU.

The PES Program conducted pursuant to this Act shall constitute as full and complete compliance with the PES component incorporated under Republic Act No. 10410, otherwise known as the "Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013", and such other government programs mandating the delivery of the PES Program as requisite for program coverage and entitlement.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Agencies and Organizations and their Responsibilities.* – The implementation of the PES Program shall be the joint responsibility of the national government agencies, LGUs, nongovernment organizations, and other private organizations that promote parental and community involvement in the child's learning and development.

The DSWD shall be primarily responsible for promoting, strengthening, and enhancing the well-being of Filipino families by providing integrated, comprehensive and developmental services in a fair, just and peaceful society. The DSWD shall regularly review and update its programs to support parents and parent-substitutes.

The DepEd, the ECCD Council, the SGCs, and the DOH shall incorporate important principles on social services, early