

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6895
(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 1406, 1591,
1845, 3201, 3610, 3983, 4074, 6661 and 6807)

Introduced by Representatives Romulo, Gatchalian, Vargas, Hofer, Rodriguez, Olivarez, Escudero, Ong (R.), Duavit, Villanueva (E.), Rivera, Go (M.), Tambunting, Delos Santos, Cojuangco, Savellano, Sy-Alvarado, Nieto, Gonzales (A.), Fortuno, Vergara, Amante-Matba, Balindong, Violago, Barba, Guico, Ouano-Dizon, Cabredo, Robes, Loyola, Acop, Bordado, Reyes, Revilla, Elago, Tejada, Tutor, Saulog, Nolasco, Castro (F.L.), Babasa, Haresco, Dimaporo (A.), Mariano-Hernandez, Natividad-Nagaño, Dalog, Castelo, Lacson, Abueg-Zaldivar, Bolilia, Collantes, Cueva, Daza and Acosta-Alba

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7797, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM TWO HUNDRED
(200) DAYS TO NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS
DAYS”

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7797, otherwise known as “AN ACT TO
2 LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) DAYS TO NOT
3 MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS DAYS”, is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 “SEC. 3. Start of the School Year. – The school year shall start on the first
6 Monday of June but not later than the last day of August. *PROVIDED*, THAT IN
7 THE EVENT OF A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR
8 STATE OF CALAMITY, THE PRESIDENT, UPON THE
9 RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, MAY SET A

1 DIFFERENT DATE FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN THE
2 COUNTRY OR PARTS THEREOF.

3 In the implementation of this Act, the Secretary of Education[, Culture and
4 Sports] shall determine the end of the regular school year, taking into
5 consideration the Christmas and summer vacations, and the peculiar
6 circumstances of each region.

7 In the exercise of this authority, the Secretary of Education[, Culture and
8 Sports] may authorize the holding of Saturday classes for elementary and
9 secondary levels for public and private schools.

10 NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISION OF ANY LAW TO THE
11 CONTRARY, THE DEFERRED SCHOOL OPENING SHALL APPLY TO ALL
12 BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOLS, INCLUDING FOREIGN OR
13 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS.

14 **Sec. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within thirty (30) days after the
15 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education, in consultation with relevant
16 stakeholders, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

17 **Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders,
18 administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with, or contrary to
19 the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, amended, or repealed accordingly.

20 **Sec. 4. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the
21 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

22 *Approved,*

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SENATE

S. No. 1541

(IN SUBSTITUTION OF SENATE BILL NOS. 1438, 1452 AND 1457)

PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE WITH SENATORS SOTTO III, VILLANUEVA, TOLENTINO, GATCHALIAN AND ZUBIRI AS AUTHORS THEREOF

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