

AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF ADULT EDUCATION, ENUMERATING ITS DUTIES, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION.

Commonwealth Act No. 80, October 26, 1936

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Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Constitution regarding adult education, there is hereby created under the Department of Public Instruction an office to be known as the Office of Adult Education.

SEC. 2. This office shall:

- Initiate and conduct surveys to determine the extent and distribution of illiteracy among adults;
- Enlist the interest and cooperation of organizations on adult education activities;
- Prepare a comprehensive program for adult education work;
- Organize and supervise schools and classes for adults;
- Disseminate instructive cultural and vocational information;
- Secure lecturers, demonstrators, extension and follow-up workers for adult education;
- Train teachers and community organizers for adult education;
- Cooperate with the Bureaus of Education, Health, Science, Plant Industry, Commerce and Labor in undertakings concerned with vocational training and the improvements of living conditions;
- Cooperate with the Philippine Library Association for the establishment of public libraries which can better serve the educational needs of adults;
- Prepare statistics and reports on its activities and the means for carrying out its objectives.

SEC. 3. The objectives of adult education shall be to eliminate illiteracy and to give vocational and citizenship training.

SEC. 4. The Chief of the Office of Adult Education shall be known as the Director of Adult Education. He shall receive an annual compensation not exceeding five thousand pesos to be fixed by the President of the Commonwealth, and shall have subordinate personnel, whose aggregate salaries, to be fixed by the Secretary of Public Instruction, shall not exceed ten thousand pesos per annum.

The Director of Adult Education shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the National Assembly, and the subordinate personnel shall be appointed by the Director of Adult Education with the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction.

SEC. 5. No salary shall be paid from the funds which may be appropriated by the National Government for the

promotion of adult education, to teachers or other persons engaged in adult education work: Provided, however, That the Director of Adult Education may, in his discretion, authorize the payment of moderate allowances to persons who regularly hold classes from month to month.

SEC. 6. Any amount which may be set aside by the National Assembly for this purpose shall be spent mainly for the printing of charts, books, pamphlets and other school materials and for defraying the traveling and other necessary expenses of persons who may engage in this work.

SEC. 7. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the Philippine Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred thousand pesos.

SEC. 8. The publications of the Office of Adult Education such as charts, books, pamphlets, circulars, diplomas and leaflets shall have free use of the mails.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, October 26, 1936.

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