

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 (200) DAYS"

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11480, July 17, 2020

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

SECTION 1. 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", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Start of the School Year. - The school year shall start on the first Monday of June but not later than the last day of August: Provided, That in the event of a declaration of a state of emergency or state of calamity, the President, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Education, may set different date for the start of the school year in the country or parts thereof.

Notwithstanding, the provision of any law to the contrary, the deferred school opening shall apply to all basic education schools, including foreign or international schools.

In the implementation of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall determine the end of the regular school year, taking into consideration the Christmas and summer vacations, and the peculiar circumstances of each region.

In the exercise of this authority, the Secretary of Education may authorize the holding of Saturday classes for elementary and secondary levels for public and private schools."

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

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with, or contrary to provisions of this Act are hereby modified, amended, or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

(SGD.) ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO

Speaker of the House
of Representatives

(SGD.) VICENTE C. SOTTO III

President of the Senate

This Act was passed by Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 1541 on June 1, 2020 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 6895 on June 4, 2020.

(SGD.) JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES

Secretary General

House of Representatives

(SGD.) MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate

Approved: JUL 17 2020

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

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