

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7165, November 25, 1991]

**AN ACT CREATING THE LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL,
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to give the highest priority to the adoption of measures for the total eradication of illiteracy. For this purpose, it shall encourage and nationalize the formulation of policies and the implementation of programs on non-formal, informal, and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs.

SEC. 2. To carry out the declared national policy, there is hereby created a Literacy Coordinating Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall be an inter-agency body administratively attached to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

SEC. 3. The Council shall be composed of eight (8) members as follows: the Undersecretary for Non-Formal Education of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports; the Undersecretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government in charge of Local Governments; the Director of the Philippine Information Agency; the President of the Philippine Normal College; a representative from the National Economic and Development Authority designated by the Director-General; a representative of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture of the Senate to be designated by the President of the Senate; body, providing policy and program directions for all literacy endeavors in the country;

SEC. 4. The Council shall have the following functions:

1. To help act as the overall advisory and coordinating a representative of the Committee on Education and Culture of the House of Representatives to be designated by the Speaker; and the representative of non-government organizations involved in literacy education who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines for a period of three (3) years.

The members of the Council shall annually elect a Chairman from among themselves except the two (2) representatives of Congress.

The Council shall meet regularly once a month and may hold special meetings to consider urgent matters upon the call of the Chairman or any three Council