

# **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

## **Education Support Law**

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### **Article 1 (Mission of the Education Support Law)**

The Education Support Law of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea aims to establish a strict system and order for supporting the education sector, fostering a social atmosphere that actively supports educational endeavors throughout the country, and contributing to the development of educational projects.

### **Article 2 (Definitions of Terms)**

The definitions of terms in this law are as follows:

1. Education support refers to social support and assistance for educational projects and their development, including the construction of educational institutions, improvement of educational conditions and environments, and enhancement of teacher qualifications.
2. Education support funds are funds and materials donated for the development of educational projects.

### **Article 3 (Principles for Establishing an Education Support Atmosphere)**

The state shall establish a social atmosphere where enthusiastic parents and supporters actively support educational projects with a patriotic heart for the future of the country.

### **Article 4 (Guidance on Education Support Projects)**

Guidance on education support projects shall be provided by the central education guidance agency and local people's committees under the unified leadership of the Cabinet.

The central education guidance agency, local people's committees, and relevant institutions shall regularly understand the status of education support projects and address arising issues in a timely manner.

### **Article 5 (Guarantee of Conditions for Education Support)**

The state shall fully guarantee the necessary conditions for institutions, enterprises, organizations, and citizens to actively support educational institutions.

### **Article 6 (Encouragement of Donations to Education Support Funds)**

The state shall actively encourage institutions, enterprises, organizations, and citizens to donate education support funds for the development of the country's education.

Foreign enterprises, international organizations, foreigners, and overseas compatriots can also donate education support funds for the development of education in our country.

#### **Article 7 (Recipients of Donations)**

Educational institutions such as kindergartens, nurseries, elementary schools, junior and senior high schools, universities, re-education institutions, vocational technical schools, youth sports schools, art academies, student youth palaces, youth camps, student youth halls, and schools for the disabled can receive donations of education support funds.

#### **Article 8 (Methods of Donation)**

Institutions, enterprises, organizations, and citizens can directly donate education support funds to educational institutions, including their alma mater, or donate through education support fund management agencies or local people's committee education departments. Education support funds can also be donated through electronic payment systems. In this case, the relevant institutions must fully prepare the conditions for donating education support funds through electronic payment systems.

#### **Article 9 (Registration of Education Support Funds)**

The central education guidance agency, local people's committee education departments, and educational institutions shall establish a systematic registration system for receiving education support funds and accurately register the donation and utilization status of education support funds in the education support fund registration ledger.

In the case of materials, the name, quantity, and amount according to the price set by the national pricing agency shall be specified.

#### **Article 10 (Issuance of Donation Confirmation Certificates)**

Institutions receiving education support funds shall issue donation confirmation certificates to donors.

The format of the donation confirmation certificate shall be determined by the central education guidance agency.

#### **Article 11 (Deposit of Education Support Funds)**

Funds donated as education support funds shall be deposited in the education support fund account.

Education support fund management agencies and local people's committee education departments shall open accounts for depositing education support funds at the relevant banks.

No financial service fees shall be applied to funds deposited in the education support fund account.

**Article 12 (Storage and Management of Donated Materials)**

Educational institutions or relevant institutions receiving donated materials shall responsibly store and manage the materials to prevent damage or destruction.

**Article 13 (Establishment of Education Support Fund Management System)**

Education support fund management agencies shall establish a management system to regularly grasp and manage the donation and utilization status of education support funds.

**Article 14 (Supply and Utilization of Education Support Funds)**

Education support fund management agencies and local people's committee education departments shall reasonably supply education support funds to educational institutions. Educational institutions shall effectively utilize education support funds for educational projects as determined.

Funds and materials donated as education support funds shall not be used for purposes other than educational projects.

**Article 15 (Education Support through Sponsoring Organizations)**

Sponsoring organizations are institutions, enterprises, and organizations with social obligations to support relevant educational institutions.

The Cabinet, central education guidance agency, local people's committees, and relevant institutions shall properly designate sponsoring organizations for educational institutions and enhance the responsibilities and roles of sponsoring organizations.

**Article 16 (Selection of Sponsoring Organizations)**

The selection of sponsoring organizations shall be conducted by the Cabinet, central education guidance agency, local people's committees, and relevant institutions.

Specific procedures and methods related to the selection of sponsoring organizations shall be determined by regulations for the implementation of this law.

In selecting sponsoring organizations, one or more educational institutions may be assigned to a sponsoring organization based on the scale and regional characteristics of the institution, enterprise, or organization.

**Article 17 (Duties of Sponsoring Organizations)**

Institutions, enterprises, and organizations selected as sponsoring organizations shall regularly understand the management and operation status of the assigned educational institutions and resolve arising issues in a timely manner.

**Article 18 (School Support Months)**

March and October are designated as school support months.

Sponsoring organizations shall intensively support the assigned educational institutions during school support months.

**Article 19 (Summary of Support Projects)**

The Cabinet, central education guidance agency, local people's committees, and relevant institutions shall summarize the support projects of sponsoring organizations during school support months and take appropriate measures.

**Article 20 (Duties of Financial Institutions)**

Financial institutions shall fully guarantee the conditions necessary for opening and managing education support fund accounts.

**Article 21 (Evaluation of Economic Performance)**

Central planning guidance agencies, central financial guidance agencies, and relevant institutions shall reflect the funds and materials supported by sponsoring organizations to educational institutions in the economic performance calculations.

**Article 22 (Issuance of Education Support Fund Certificates)**

The central education guidance agency shall issue education support fund certificates to exemplary institutions, enterprises, organizations, and citizens in education support projects.

**Article 23 (Evaluation and Preferential Treatment)**

Institutions, enterprises, organizations, and citizens who have made outstanding contributions to education support projects shall be awarded national commendations and various preferential treatments such as tours and sightseeing.

**Article 24 (Introduction and Promotion)**

Publishing and media agencies shall widely introduce and promote exemplary institutions, enterprises, organizations, and citizens in education support projects through newspapers, broadcasts, TV, and other media.

**Article 25 (Warnings and Severe Warnings)**

Responsible persons shall be given warnings in the following cases:

1. Failure to properly register, deposit, or supply education support funds, causing hindrance to education support projects.
2. Failure to properly issue donation confirmation certificates, education support fund certificates, evaluations, and preferential treatments, causing social disturbances.
3. Failure to properly reflect the funds and materials supported by sponsoring organizations in economic performance calculations.
4. Failure to properly support the assigned educational institutions as a sponsoring organization, causing social disturbances.

5. Failure to effectively utilize education support funds for educational projects, hindering the development of educational projects. Severe warnings shall be given if the acts in the preceding paragraphs are serious.

#### **Article 26 (Unpaid Labor Punishment)**

Responsible persons shall be given unpaid labor punishment of up to three months for misusing or illegally disposing of education support funds or failing to properly store and manage donated materials, causing damage.

If the acts in the preceding paragraph are serious, unpaid labor punishment of more than three months shall be given.

#### **Article 27 (Dismissal, Removal, and Discharge Punishment)**

Responsible persons shall be dismissed, removed, or discharged if serious consequences arise from violating the order of education support projects.

#### **Article 28 (Criminal Responsibility)**

Responsible persons shall be held criminally liable according to the relevant provisions of the criminal law if the acts violating this law constitute a crime.

#### **Article 29 (Effective Date)**

This law shall be effective from January 1, Juche 113 (2024).