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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1679



Introduced by Representative Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz, M.D.,

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to establish an elementary school in Barangay Catarman, Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu.

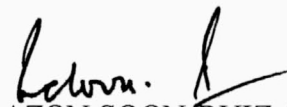
Catarman is a fishing barangay of more than three thousand residents, majority of whom fall under the poverty line. Government services therein are minimal and it has no public or private school as of the present.

Children of school age from the said barangay go to the Cordova Central Elementary School for schooling, adding up to the school's ballooning student population, being the only elementary school in Poblacion which is home to more than eight thousand residents.

Establishing the Catarman Elementary School would surely benefit schoolchildren and parents from the said barangay. They would be spared from spending on transportation which savings they could use for other expenses. Besides, pupils will be encouraged to complete their studies since will not have to go far anymore to attend to their classes. Likewise, the Cordova Central Elementary School shall also benefit since its student population shall be significantly reduced thereby resulting to a better teacher-to-student ratio.

Section 2, Article XIV of the Constitution declares the State's policy and obligation to establish and maintain a free public education system in the elementary and high school levels and the approval of this measure would not only give meaning and spirit to this constitutional provision but will also bring about development at the grassroots level.

Owing to the importance of education in national development, passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CATARMAN, MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATARMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of Elementary School.* There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a public elementary school in Barangay Catarman, Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu, to be known as the **Catarman Elementary School**.

SECTION 2. *Operationalization and Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Catarman Elementary School, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act. He shall issue such rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.