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House Bill No. 3333

Introduced by Rep. Manuel E. Zamora and Rep. Prospero S. Amatong

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The creation of Compostela Valley Province from the Province of Davao del Norte by virtue of Republic Act No. 8470 on January 30, 1998, was overwhelmingly ratified by the populace who wanted to independently chart their political destiny. It was unintended, however, that the law did not include the creation of provincial branches of important national offices. Three years into its infancy, the new political subdivision is feeling the pinch of not having her own budgetary allocation and the physical infrastructure for these offices. The need for their establishment and institutionalization will not only help the wheels of governance run smoothly but will also alleviate the geographical perplexity being felt by the residents who have to travel great distances in neighboring provinces to transact official business.

In line with the preceding, this bill proposes the creation of a DECS Division Office in Compostela Valley Province. With a well-defined organization and supervisory structure, it is expected that all matters pertaining to basic education will be expedited. This will also further the mandate of Article XIV, Sec. 2, par. 1 of the Constitution of the Republic which states that, "The State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society."

The passage of this bill is urgently requested.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OFFICE
OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established the Department of Education Division Office, hereinafter referred to as DepEd Division Office, of Compostela Valley Province which shall exercise jurisdiction over all district offices of the province.

SEC. 2. The DepEd Division Office shall be located in the Municipality of Nabunturan.

SEC. 3. The Schools Division Superintendent shall be appointed by the Secretary of Education. The Schools Division Superintendent shall be assisted by a staff to be appointed by the Secretary of Education in accordance with existing laws.

SEC. 4. All records pertaining to the jurisdiction of the DepEd Division Office of Compostela Valley Province shall be transferred thereto.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amounts as maybe necessary for the operation and maintenance of the DepEd Division Office of Compostela Valley Province shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,