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HOUSE BILL NO. 3891

Introduced by Honorable Edmundo O. Reyes, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution mandates that *the State shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. In so doing, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.*

These constitutional provisions underscore the important task of the National Government to deliver quality education. It is a sad reality that the quality of Philippine education has been continuously declining. Given this scenario, the local government should work hand-in-hand with the National Government in making education a priority in their respective localities. Since schools are located in their jurisdiction, they have a bigger stake in the development of these educational institutions as it will redound to the benefit of their constituents.

The role of the School Board is critical in achieving a high quality education. Recognizing this, this Bill earnestly seeks to amend the composition and function of the Local School Boards. Through this amendment, it hopes to strengthen and empower the School Board in its role as catalyst for education reforms.

In view of the foregoing, support for this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTION OF THE LOCAL
SCHOOL BOARDS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 98 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 98. Creation, Composition and Compensation. - (a) There shall be established in every province, city, or municipality a provincial, city or municipal school board, respectively.

(b) The composition of local school boards shall be as follows:

(1) The provincial school board shall be composed of the governor and the division superintendent of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang panlalawigan, the provincial treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the sangguniang panlalawigan, the duly elected president of the provincial federation of parents-teachers association for elementary schools, the duly elected president of the provincial federation of parents-teachers association for high schools, the duly elected representative of the elementary teachers' organization in the province, the duly elected representative of the high school teachers' organization in the province, the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the province, the president of the federation of high school students in the province, and a representative of the local employers, as members;

(2) The city school board shall be composed of the city mayor and the city superintendent of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang panlungsod, the city treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the sangguniang panlungsod, the duly

elected president of the city federation of parents-teachers associations for elementary schools, the duly elected president of the city federation of parents-teachers associations for high schools, the duly elected representative of the elementary teachers' organizations in the city, the duly elected representative of the high school teachers' organizations in the city, the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the city, the president of the federation of high school students in the city, and a representative of the local employers, as members; and

(3) The municipal school board shall be composed of the municipal mayor and the district supervisor of schools or the principal of the national high school as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang bayan, the municipal treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the sangguniang bayan, the duly elected president of the municipal federation of parents-teachers associations for elementary, the duly elected president of the municipal federation of parents-teachers associations for high school, the duly elected representative of the elementary teachers' organizations in the municipality, the duly elected representative of the high school teachers' organizations in the municipality, and the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the city, the president of the federation of high school students in the municipality, and a representative of the local employers, as members;

(c) In the event that a province or city has two (2) or more school superintendents, and in the event that a municipality has two (2) or more district supervisors or has two (2) or more national high schools or has no designated national high school, the co-chairman of the local school board shall be determined as follows:

- (1) The Department of Education shall designate the co-chairman for the provincial and city school boards; and
- (2) The division superintendent of schools shall designate the district supervisor who shall serve in the municipal school board.
- (3) The division superintendent of schools shall designate the high school principal who shall serve in the municipal school board.

(d) The senior official, between the district supervisor or the high school principal, shall serve as the co-chair in the municipal school board. In the event that the designated district supervisor and the high school principal serving in one municipal school board are of equal rank, the superintendent of schools shall designate who shall serve as the co-chair of the board.

(e) The performance of the duties and responsibilities of the abovementioned officials in their respective local school boards shall not be delegated. "

SECTION 2. Section 99 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 99. Functions of Local School Boards. - The provincial, city or municipal school board shall:

(a) Develop the local education plans, programs, and activities in their jurisdiction, including the determination of the investment program for such plans;

(b) Determine, in accordance with the criteria set by the Department of Education, the annual supplementary budgetary needs for the operation and maintenance of public schools within the province, city or municipality, as the case may be, and the supplementary local cost of meeting such needs, which shall be reflected in the form of an annual school board budget corresponding to its share in the proceeds of the special levy on real property constituting the Special Education fund and such other sources of revenue as this Code and other laws or ordinances may provide;

(c) Authorize the provincial, city or municipal treasurer, as the case may be, to disburse funds from the Special Education fund pursuant to the budget prepared and in accordance with existing rules and regulations;

(d) Serve as an advisory committee to the sanggunian concerned on educational matters such as, but not limited to, the necessity for and the uses of local appropriations for educational purposes; and

(e) Recommend changes in the names of public schools within the territorial jurisdiction of the local government unit for enactment by the sanggunian concerned.

(f) Establish, convert, separate, realign, or appropriate funding for the operation and maintenance of the newly named schools until such time that the school is included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Department of Education shall consult the local school board on the appointment of division superintendents, district supervisors, school principals, and other school officials.”

SECTION 3. *Repealing clause.* Sections 99, section 100 of Republic Act No. 7160, and all other inconsistent laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and all other issuances are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation. The publication shall not be later than seven (7) days after approval hereof.

Approved,