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HOUSE BILL NO. 4331

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 17, Article II (*Declaration of Principles and State Policies*) of the 1987 Constitution provides:

“SEC. 17. The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”

Computer literacy plays a vital role in the overall development effort of the country particularly in education. Students should gain information handling skills at an early age because the global community is increasingly becoming dependent on information technology. To learn these skills is a necessary preparation to face the challenges of modern education.

The role of computers in education has become important in our present time. The use of computers in elementary education improves both teaching and student abilities because it presents a totally new and innovative approach to learning. Children who learn the relevant computer language and techniques at an early age gain valuable command of skills and information needed in modern life.

There is therefore an imperative need to appropriate funds in order to purchase computers for the use of elementary schools in the Province of Southern Leyte. The proposed measure seeks to prioritize computer literacy in elementary schools of the province as early as possible to better equipped its students in their education. Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR THE USE OF
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN
LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The elementary schools in the Province of Southern Leyte are hereby provided desktop computers and its peripherals for the use of its faculty and students.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the appropriation of the Department of Education for the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,