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HOUSE BILL NO. 4338



Introduced by **HONORABLE ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed measure seeks to establish a schools division in the Island Garden City of Samal.

When these three (3) municipalities of Samal Island namely: Babak, Kaputian and Samal were constituted into a component city in March 7, 1998 by virtue of RA 8471, the provision creating a separate city schools division and its annual appropriations was inadvertently omitted. However, sometime in 2003, the city government of the Island Garden City of Samal and the Department of Education, Regional Office XI entered into a Memorandum of Agreement establishing the Interim Division Island Garden City of Samal. This was made operational through the assistance of the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) of the three (3) districts, Association of Barangay Captains (ABC), indigenous peoples organizations, and non-governmental organizations as partners in the educational development of the island.

With the rising demands of its ever increasing population brought about by its conversion into a component city, it is expected that there will be an increase in the number of schools, teachers and students both in the primary and secondary levels.

Moreover, consistent with the charter of the Island Garden City of Samal to have a separate and distinct schools division, the instant bill aims to improve efficiency in the delivery of basic educational services. The need is more compelling in view of the fact that the interim division is geographically separated from the mainland of Southern Mindanao. It traverses the divisions of the cities of Davao, Panabo and Tagum before reaching the mother division of Davao del Norte.

In view of the foregoing considerations, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT EIGHTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE, ENTITLED "AN ACT CONSTITUTING THE THREE MUNICIPALITIES OF BABAK, SAMAL AND KAPUTIAN OF SAMAL ISLAND, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 8471, otherwise known as the Charter of the Island Garden City of Samal is hereby amended to include a new article and a new section therein, as follows:

"ARTICLE X"

"RELATION TO BUREAUS AND OTHER OFFICES"

"Sec. 50. The Department of Education. The Secretary of Education shall exercise the same jurisdiction and powers in the city and elsewhere in the Philippines, and the City Schools superintendent shall be the head of the city schools. He/she shall have all the powers and duties in respect to the schools of the city as are vested in the division superintendent in respect to schools of their division: Provided, That salaries of the supervisors, principals, teachers and other operational expenses of the primary, intermediate, high schools and other public schools in the city shall be borne by the national government: Provided further, That the powers and duties of the local government as contained in the Local Government Code in support of the schools shall not be abridged, curtailed or diminished."

SEC. 2. The present Article X in Republic Act 8471 is hereby renumbered as Article XI, Section 50 thereof as Section 51, Sec. 51 as Sec. 52 up to Sec. 63, which is renumbered as Sec. 64.

SEC.3. The amount necessary for the creation of a separate city schools division office in the Island Garden City of Samal shall be included in the General Appropriations Act in the year following the effectivity of this Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the said office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,