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HOUSE BILL NO. 4364



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**Introduced by HON. MA. AMELITA CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA**

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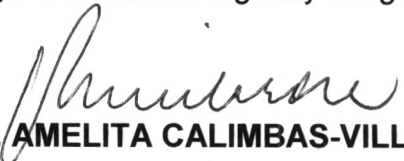
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to appropriate the necessary amount to facilitate the full implementation of the Day Care Center Program under Republic Act No. 6972, otherwise known as the "Barangay Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act" for the entire province of Occidental Mindoro.

Notwithstanding the laudable purpose of the said law, its full implementation had been hampered by lack of initiative to commence operationalization in far-flung barangays located in the countryside which are, as a matter of fact, the ones in more urgent need for government assistance.

For instance, there are some barangays in the province of Occidental Mindoro with existing physical structure but with no organized system for operation. A good number of them have commenced to function but lost fervor to sustain the effort on a permanent basis. Still, many barangays do not have the physical structure to begin with. Simply put, the construction and operation of these barangay day care centers have become dependent on the initiative of the local government units that come and go depending on the political tide, thus, transforming what was otherwise a noble Act, to an empty promise.

Our children cannot wait forever. The operation of government facilities for their care and protection should be sheltered from unnecessary delay caused by political bickering. Hence, the passage of this bill is urgently sought.

  
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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND  
OPERATIONALIZATION OF DAY CARE CENTERS IN EACH OF THE  
162 BARANGAYS IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The construction of day care centers in each of the 162 barangays in the Province of Occidental Mindoro shall be undertaken by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways, or his duly-authorized representative, shall take into consideration existing government structures, if any, in each of the said barangays for possible repair and/or conversion for this purpose. The amount necessary for the construction of new structures or for the repair and/or conversion of existing ones shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall undertake the operationalization of the day care centers constructed under this Act. The Department shall provide the necessary manpower training for child care workers as well as the necessary learning devices and resource materials for the continuous and efficient functioning thereof. The initial amount necessary for this purpose shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development under the current General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. The sums necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the day care centers shall be included in the annual budget of the provincial government of Occidental Mindoro.

*Approved,*