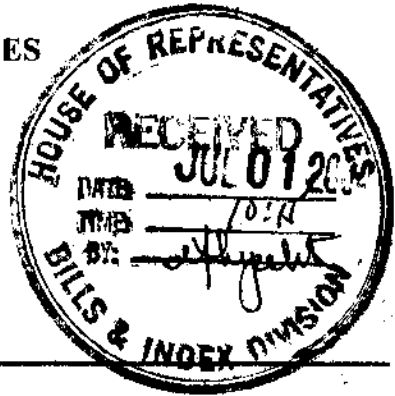


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Thirteenth Congress

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HOUSE BILL NO. 165



Introduced by Honorable Constantino G. Jaraula

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill was filed with the 11th Congress as House Bill No. 438 and the 12th Congress as House Bill No. 1179, with the following Explanatory Note:

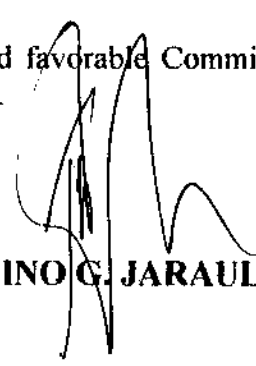
"This bill seeks to increase the allocation for the Special Education Fund by 100%.

"It is an accepted principle that education is the highest pillar of national development and progress. Quality education is not a privilege but a right guaranteed by the Constitution. The State is mandated to protect and promote such right. Many laws have been passed to achieve this goal like giving free elementary and secondary education. Elementary and high school education are very important because it is in these levels where basic education is taught. These levels are the foundation stage of our youth, who will become the future leaders of our country. They comprise the bigger portion of our population and therefore, must be given utmost concern.

"It is noted, however, that quality has taken second place to quantity in our educational system. Admittedly, elementary and secondary levels, particularly in public schools, are operating below standards due to the deficiency in facilities and lack of well-trained educators. Today, there are numerous schools that are holding classes without classrooms. Children of taxpayers attend classes under mango trees and appreciable shades. There are classrooms that do not have blackboards, chalks and other facilities.

"The best investment the country can do is to provide quality education to the teeming millions of young people who are buffeted by poverty, drug addiction, criminality and delinquency, among others, mostly attributable to the neglect of parents and society as a whole. To this end, the Special Education Fund must be doubled. With this bill, the schools can be given the necessary facilities needed by the children. Our teachers can undergo skills upgrading through seminars and training to enhance their competence and capacity to teach."

The Bill has not been enacted into law even as it secured favorable Committee approval. The necessity of its passage by the 13th Congress is clear.


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE ALLOCATION FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.

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

SECTION 1. Section 235, Chapter 5 of Republic Act Numbered Seventy-one Hundred and Sixty, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" is hereby amended to read as follows:

*"Chapter 5.- Special Levies on Real Property Sec.
235. Additional Levy on Real Property for the Special Education Fund (SEF).- A province or city or a municipality [within the Metropolitan Manila Area,] may levy and collect an annual tax of [one] TWO percent [(1%)] (2%) on the assessed value of real property which shall be an addition to the basic real property tax. The proceeds thereof shall exclusively accrue to the Special Education Fund (SEF) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIFTY FOUR FORTY-SEVEN.*

SEC. 2. Number 3, paragraph A, Section 4 of R.A.5447 is hereby repealed.

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

Approved,