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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 235, Chapter V, Title II of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides for the establishment of the Special Education Fund (SEF) from the proceeds of an additional one percent (1%) tax on the assessed value of real property that a province or city, or a municipality within Metro Manila Area, may levy and collect.

According to the same law, the proceeds accruing to the SEF shall be released automatically to the local school boards but must be utilized solely for the operation and maintenance of public schools; construction and repair of school buildings, facilities and equipment; educational research; purchase of books and periodicals; and sports development in amounts to be determined by the local school boards themselves.

However, the above mentioned purposes and applications failed to respond suitably and completely to the urgent needs of our public educational system. Hence, it is a must to amend the Local Government Code on the matter. To guarantee the quality of education the government offers, the purpose of the Special Education Fund under RA 7160 must be expanded.

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



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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE PURPOSES AND APPLICATION OF THE SPECIAL
EDUCATION FUND (SEF) AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 272 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 272 of Republic Act. No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The proceeds from the additional one percent (1%) tax on real property accruing to the Special Education Fund (SEF) shall be automatically released to the local school boards: Provided, That in case of provinces, the proceeds shall be divided equally between the provincial and municipal school boards: Provided however, That the proceeds shall be allocated for the operation and maintenance of public schools, construction and repair of school buildings, facilities and equipment, ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES, educational research, purchase of books and periodicals, and sports development as determined and approved by the local school board."

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause – All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,