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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Supreme law of the land acknowledges the significance and impact of education to the lives of every individual and to the community as a whole. As mandated under Article XIV Section 2 (1) of the 1987 Constitution, the State shall: "Establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society".

Accordingly, this bill recognizes the role of local government in bringing quality education while serving as a channel between local communities and state education departments in the City of Victorias, province of Negros Occidental. It seeks to institute a separate schools division office in the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental by amending Republic Act 8488.

A separate schools division for Victorias City would empower the local government to deliver and advance higher standards of education. More importantly, the enactment of this measure guarantees the realization of desired outcomes on education in the City of Victorias.

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


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8488, ENTITLED "AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF VICTORIAS"

SECTION 1. There shall be incorporated after Section 46 (5.d) of Republic Act No. 8488, a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE VII
THE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION

Sec. 47. Establishment of a Division of City Schools, - There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a City Schools Division Office in Victorias City which shall have jurisdiction over the school districts within Victorias City and shall be headed by a Division Superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the Department of Education.

The staff complement for the City Schools Division Office of Victorias City shall also possess the necessary qualifications required by the Department of Education.

The 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."

SEC. 2. Appropriations. – The sum necessary for purpose of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. Implementation – The Secretary of Education shall issue the rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,