



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 1642

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Philippines, there are three levels of education, namely: elementary, secondary and tertiary. Public and private elementary and secondary education fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education while tertiary education falls under the jurisdiction of the Commission on Higher Education.

Under RA 9155, the Department of Education performs functions and exercises powers pertaining to 1) formulating educational policies and a basic education plan; 2) promulgating educational standards; 3) monitoring and assessing learning outcomes; undertaking educational research and studies; and 4) enhancing the total development of learners through local and national programs and/or projects, among others.

Program design, policy formulation and standardization, curriculum and staff development in the elementary level and the high school level are managed by the Bureau of Elementary Education and the Bureau of Secondary Education, respectively.

In order to properly reflect the mandates, thrust, scope of jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Department of Education in view of the existence of their co-equal education agencies, there is a need to rename the same as the Department of Basic Education


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AN ACT
AMENDING THEREFORE REPUBLIC ACT 9155, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
GOVERNANCE OF BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2011, RENAMING THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC
EDUCATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. - *Short Title.*** This Act shall be known as the “Act Renaming the
2 Department of Education as the Department of Basic Education.”

3 **SECTION 2. - *The Department of Basic Education.*** In order to properly reflect the
4 mandates, thrust, scope of jurisdiction and responsibilities of the said agency of government in
5 view of the existence of their co-equal education agencies, the existing Department of
6 Education created under Republic Act 9155 is hereby renamed as the Department of Basic
7 Education which shall have as coverage and jurisdiction both public and private pre-
8 elementary, elementary and secondary education levels, except those under the jurisdiction of
9 the DSWD.

10 **SECTION 3. - *Separability Clause.*** If, for any reason, any portion or provision of this
11 Act shall be declared unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected
12 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

13 **SECTION 4. - *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
14 regulations, part or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
15 repealed or modified accordingly. Specifically, Section 6 (Governance) of RA 9155 insofar as
16 the name of the Department of Education is concerned is hereby expressly modified in
17 accordance with the intention of this Act.

18 **SECTION 5. - *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
19 its publication in a least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,