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HOUSE BILL NO. **1796**



Introduced by **HONORABLE LANI MERCADO-REVILLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17 states:

“SECTION 17. The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”

Further, Article 14, Section 1 mandates:

“Sec. 1. The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”

Moreover, the same Article, Section 2, paragraphs (1) and (2) provides:

“Sec. 2. The State shall:

- (1) Establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society;
- (2) Establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels. x
x x”

It is the obligation of the State to provide a complete, adequate and integrated quality education to the youth because of their vital role in nation-building. However, in the article of Secretary General Romulo A. Virola of the National Statistical Coordination Board entitled, *Statistics on Philippine Education: Good News and Bad News*, Dr. Virola reported that the Philippines only spends 3.3% of its Gross Domestic Product on public educational institutions for all levels of education, which is lower than 7.4% for Malaysia, 4.0% for Thailand and all WEI countries and 5.2% average for OECD countries.

The Philippines has 13,228,304 elementary students and 363,955 elementary teachers (NSCB, 2010-2012 Study). In the City of Bacoar, the teacher-student ratio is now 1:120 – far from the goal of the Department of Education to limit the ratio to 1:50 (NCSB, August 1, 2007). Bacoar has a population of 520,216 (based on the 2010 Census of Population conducted by the National Statistics Office). In Barangay San Nicolas III, the population is 33,022. Recognizing the need to provide quality education in Barangay San Nicolas III, City of Bacoar, the urgent passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN
NICOLAS III, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN
AS SAN NICOLAS EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

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

Section 1. Establishment of San Nicolas East Elementary School. There is hereby established under the supervision of the Department of Education an elementary school in Barangay San Nicolas III, City of Bacor, Province of Cavite, to be known as San Nicolas East Elementary School.

Section 2. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the San Nicolas East Elementary School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,