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HOUSE BILL NO. 4813



Introduced by: Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Federation of Associations of Private Schools and Administrators (FAPSA) has recently proposed the creation of a body that would oversee and address the problem of all private learning institutions in the country.

Eleazardo Kasilag, FAPSA president, explained that the Department of Education is focused heavily on the public schools, hence, giving the private schools only limited time to attend to their immediate concerns.

Presently, the DepEd only assigns one supervisor to oversee all the private schools in a division. Only one supervisor representing private schools is tasked to attend to other assignments like scouting, nutrition, and one academic subject among others.

In the National Capital Region alone, there are 16 schools divisions with only 16 supervisors to oversee close to 2,000 private schools in Metro Manila. This is completely different in the case of public schools where a minimum of eight schools division supervisors apart from district supervisors (depending on how many districts the city is divided) plus coordinators and all the staffers in one big division office are in-charge to oversee these government-ran schools.

In 1936, the Office of Private Education, which was headed by the Director of Private Education, was established under Commonwealth Act No. 180 to oversee all private schools in the country. Subsequently, the same was abolished for no apparent reason as a result of reorganization in government.

This bill seeks to establish a Bureau of Private Schools under the DepEd in full recognition of the vital role that the private education sector plays in the Philippine education system and to oversee and address the problems and concerns of private schools throughout the country.

It is hoped that through this initiative, the private education in the country will be strengthened to become partners of the government in nation building through the promotion of accessible, affordable, and quality education for all the Filipino youth.

In view thereof, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A BUREAU OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. In recognition of the vital role that the private school system plays in the Philippine education system and to oversee and address the problems and concerns of private schools throughout the country, a Bureau of Private Schools, hereinafter referred to as the Bureau, is hereby created under the Department of Education.

SEC. 2. As the main implementing arm of the private education programs of the Department of Education, the Bureau shall be functionally assigned to conduct studies and formulate, develop, and evaluate programs and educational standards for primary and secondary education in all private schools. It shall undertake studies necessary for the preparation of prototype curricular designs, instructional materials, and teacher and training programs and formulate guidelines to improve education in private schools and general management of these schools.

The Bureau shall function as a regular bureau of the Department of Education under the supervision of the Department Secretary and to be headed by a Bureau Director. The Director, with the approval of the Secretary, may create such divisions and offices and appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. To carry out the provisions of this Act, all programs of the different bureaus of the Department of Education relative to the private education are hereby placed under the supervision, integration, control and coordination of the Bureau.

SEC. 4. The Department of Education, in coordination with the concerned organization of private schools in the country, shall issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. If any provision or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such portions not effected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette and in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,