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HOUSE BILL NO. 4781



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The importance of our Muslim brothers and sisters and their contributions to Philippine society is something that should not be underemphasized. Particularly their addition to educational and cultural reforms in the Muslim communities.

The introduction of Madrasah in the formal basic education program of the Department of Education, and the opening of the Arabic Language and Islamic Values Education (ALIVE) Schools should be strengthened and improved, specifically in forming policy and regulations concerning the Madaris Program. It is this bill's intention to institutionalize the Madrasah in the DepEd, which should be headed by a member of the Muslim community with exemplary background in education and Muslim culture. The Madrasah should not be neglected and should be an integral part in the general education program of our Muslim communities as well as in safeguarding the lives and benefits of Madaris teachers and personnel.

The passage of this bill should be a testament to this country's commitment to a progressive and all-inclusive society. It will also serve as a statement of good faith which will eventually help in the attainment of a peaceful society in our country.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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3 **AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING MADRASAH IN THE BASIC EDUCATION**
4 **PROGRAM AND AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.**
5 **9155 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNANCE OF EDUCATION ACT OF**
6 **2001**
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8 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*
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10 **SECTION 1.** Section 7 (A) of Republic Act 9155 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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12 "A. National Level
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14 In addition to his/her powers under existing laws, the Secretary of
15 Education shall have the authority, accountability and responsibility for the
16 following:
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18 (1) Xxx
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20 (2) Xxx
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24 (4) Xxx
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26 (5) Xxx

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3 (7) Xxx

5 The Secretary of Education shall be assisted by not more than five (5)
6 Undersecretaries and not more than four (4) Assistant Secretaries whose
7 assignments, duties and responsibilities shall be governed by law. There shall be
8 at least one undersecretary and one assistant secretary who shall be career
9 executive officers chosen from among the staff of the Department. *Provided*, that
10 there shall be one (1) undersecretary for Muslim Affairs; *Provided, further*, that the
11 Undersecretary for Muslim Affairs shall be a Muslim and has exemplary
12 background in Muslim Education and culture.”

15 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education shall include in their budget the funds
16 necessary for the implementation of this Act.

18 **SECTION 3.** Section 7 (A) of Republic Act 9155, otherwise known as the “Governance of
19 Education Act of 2001”, as amended, and all other laws, executive orders, and rules and
20 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
21 modified accordingly.

23 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days following the completion of its
24 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

26 Approved,