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HOUSE BILL NO. **4867**



Introduced by **Rep. Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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."

This bill seeks to establish a separate City Schools division for the City of Victorias and the Municipalities of EB Magalona and Manapla. The said city and municipalities are in dire need of extra support from the government in terms of delivery of quality education.

Schools division offices are the primary support structure in school operations and exercising direct administrative supervision over schools, aligns their functions and activities towards addressing the urgent problems at the school level. Accordingly the division's academic personnel, specifically the division supervisors shall be assigned to meet the technical manpower requirements for performing such problem-oriented functions and activities.

A separate schools division for the said City and Municipalities 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 view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, MUNICIPALITIES OF EB MAGALONA AND MANAPLA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Establishment of a Schools Division. – There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a Schools Division Office which shall have jurisdiction over the schools districts in the City of Victorias, Municipalities of EB Magalona and Manapla, Province of Negros Occidental to be headed by a schools division superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the Department of Education.

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

Section 2. Location. – The said Schools Division shall be located in the City of Victorias.

Section 3. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the department's program the operationalization of the said Schools Division, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Sction 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,