

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6300**



Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Parent Teachers Associations provide support services to the education sector but suffer from the lack of funding to undertake their programs and projects. This bill seeks to address this gap by providing them with a sustainable source of fund.

Under Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, local government units may levy and collect an annual tax of one percent (1%) on the assessed value of real property in addition to the basic real property tax. The proceeds from this special levy accrue to the Special Education Fund.

The Special Education Fund is supplementary funding provided by the local government to support basic education. It is automatically released to the Local School Board. The formulation, approval, and utilization of the SEF budget is the responsibility of the Local School Board.

In providing for sustainable funding, it is the intention that the role of PTAs will be strengthened and that they will continue to provide support, through their network of families, students, teachers, and school administrators, for the success of the children and for the continued involvement of families in the education sector.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6300

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**"AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR GENERAL PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS
FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, AMENDING BOOK I, TITLE IV, SECTION 272 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160."**

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

SECTION 1. Book I, Title IV, Section 272 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of the Philippines, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 272. *Application of Proceeds of the Additional One Percent SEF Tax.* - The proceeds from the additional one percent (1%) tax on real property accruing to the Special Education Fund (SEF) shall be automatically released to the local school boards: Provided, That, in case of provinces, the proceeds shall be divided equally between the provincial and municipal school boards: Provided, however, That the proceeds shall be allocated for the operation and maintenance of public schools, construction and repair of school buildings, facilities and equipment, educational research, purchase of books and periodicals, and sports development as determined and approved by the Local School Board.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT 5% OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT FUND OF GENERAL PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS.

SEC. 2. *Revised Guidelines for Use of Special Education Fund* - The Department of Education, Department of Budget and Management, and Department of Interior and Local Government shall develop the Revised Guidelines for the Use of Special Education Fund.

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or section of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions and sections not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, or issuances, or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,