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HOUSE BILL NO. 2950



Introduced by Rep. Wilfredo Mark M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bills seeks to provide for the inclusion of additional members in the Local School Boards amending for the purpose Section 98 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

A local school board (LSB) is a special body created by virtue of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 . LSBs are assigned to determine the annual supplementary budgetary needs of public schools within their respective jurisdiction, administer and manage the share of public educational institutions from the proceeds of the special levy on real property which constitutes their Special Education Fund, allocate the same, and serve as an advisory committee to the *Sangguniang* concerned on educational matters.

LSB seems well represented yet in reality most of its members are not functioning well. Decision making has been confined to this eight-person board where most often priorities are being determined by its two most powerful members, the governor or mayor and the school superintendent. As a result, the LSB budget is used mostly for discrete and disparate activities, particularly infrastructure and regular sports activities. Furthermore, there are several sectors that are not yet represented in the Board.

Secondary Schools are not assured of their representation; Day Care Workers are likewise deprived of their representatives in the Board.

As a result, this has largely prevented the LSB to help address several problems facing public schools such as the deteriorating quality of basic education, lack of awareness about the state of public education among stakeholders, inadequate mechanisms for meaningful involvement and participation of parents and the community as well in the delivery of public education services and lack of transparency and accountability in the administration of the public school system.

This bill seeks to strengthen the Board by increasing its membership to include representatives from the Secondary School Principals and from the Day Care Schools in the area and to provide additional functions responsive to its mandate and the demand of times.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.



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**AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTIONS 98, 99 AND 100 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION. 1. Section 98 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read
as follows:

"SEC. 98. *Creation, Composition and Compensation.* –

(a) x-x-x-x

(b) The composition of local school boards shall be as follows:

(1) The provincial school board shall be composed of the governor and the division superintendent of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang panlalawigan, the provincial treasurer, the representative of the *pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan* in the sangguniang panlalawigan, the duly elected president of the provincial federation of parents-teachers associations, the duly elected representative of the teachers' organizations in the province, THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE DAY CARE FEDERATION OF THE PROVINCE, A REPRESENTATIVE EACH

OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN NON FORMAL EDUCATION AND DISTANCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE PROVINCE and the duly elected representative of the non academic personnel of public schools in the province, as members;

(2) The city school board shall be composed of the city mayor and the city superintendent of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang panlungsod, the city treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the sangguniang panlungsod, the duly elected president of the city federation of parents-teachers associations, the duly elected representative of the teachers' organizations in the city, THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE DAY CARE FEDERATION OF THE CITY, A REPRESENTATIVE EACH OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN NON FORMAL EDUCATION AND DISTANCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE CITY and the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the city, as members; and

(3) The municipal school board shall be composed of the municipal Mayor and the district supervisor of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang bayan, , the municipal treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the sangguniang bayan, the duly elected president of the municipal federation of parents-teachers associations, the duly elected representative of the teachers' organizations in the municipality, THE DULY ELECTED

PRESIDENT OF THE DAY CARE FEDERATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY, A REPRESENTATIVE EACH OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN NON FORMAL EDUCATION AND DISTANCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE MUNICIPALITY and the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the municipality, as members;

(c) x-x-x-x-x;

(d) x-x-x-x-x.

SECTION. 2. Section 99 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 99. *Functions of Local School Boards.*- The provincial, city or municipal school board shall:

(a) Determine THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL BOARD IN COORDINATION WITH THE CONCERNED DEP ED. THE ANNUAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET SHALL BE EQUITABLY ALLOCATED AMONG ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ALL LGUs CONCERNED;

(b) x-x-x-x

(c) x-x-x-x

(d) x-x-x-x

(e) LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MAY HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS: PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES, SCHOOL BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS, BOOKS AND LEARNING MATERIALS INCLUDING ELECTRONIC LEARNING MATERIALS AND THE LIKE; PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND ALLOWANCES WITH PRIORITY TO POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS; FORMULATE SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SANGGUNIAN CONCERNED;

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SEEK THE CONCURRENCE

OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ON THE ASSIGNMENT AND/OR
TRANSFER OF DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS, DISTRICT SUPERVISORS,
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

SECTION 3. Section 100 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

” SEC 100. *Meetings and Quorum; Budget.* –

(a) *x-x-x-*

(b) *x-x-x-x*

(c) The annual school board budget shall give priority to the following:

(1) *x-x-x-x;*

(2) *x-x-x-x;*

(3) *x-x-x-x;*

(4) FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF’ LOCALLY ORIENTED NONFORMAL AND DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND HONORARIUM AND ALLOWANCE GIVEN TO TEACHERS AND OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHETHER NATIONALLY OR LOCALLY PAID GIVEN IN ADDITION TO THEIR SALARIES FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES RENDERED OR AS ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OR INCENTIVES;

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and all other issuances inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly;

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,