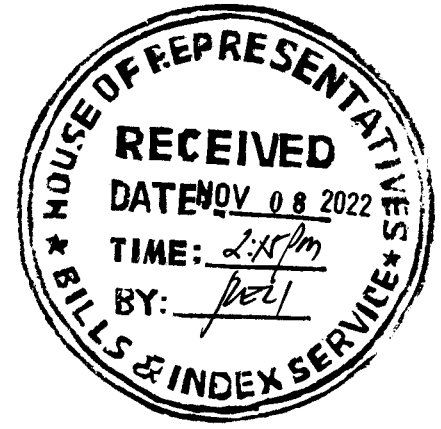


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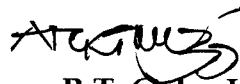
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The education sector was severely hit by the COVID-19 Pandemic. There is a great need to fund matters relating to education so that Philippine schools, teachers, and students can all get back on the right track. For this purpose, this representation seeks to rationalize the purpose and application of the Special Education Fund (SEF), so that it can be used properly to address the needs of the education sector in the fight to recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic. The SEF is the additional one percent (1%) levy on real property that is allowed to be used by local school boards, pursuant to the Local Government Code (LGC). However, the opinion on the matter is that the provisions under the LGC for the use of the SEF is too restrictive.

This representation believes that rationalizing the SEF will give the education sector the needed boost to support and sustain the government's programs and operations in the education sector. The proposed law herein seeks to expand the purpose and application of the SEF. In this manner, the local school boards can properly address the true needs of their respective schools, teachers, and students.

The country's leaders in the education sector should be properly armed in their quest to give the best education to the Filipino youth. At this point, there is a need to elucidate Constitutional mandate on the matter, to wit: "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development" (Section 17, Article II, 1987 Constitution).

For the people of the Philippines, the passage of the proposed law is earnestly being sought.


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**AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE PURPOSES AND APPLICATION
OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 272 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN
AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Short Title. This enactment shall be known as the
"Rationalizing the Purposes and Application of the SEF Act of 2022."

Section 2. Amendment to Rationalize Purpose and Application of SEF. Section 272 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby 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 AND LIBRARIES, facilities and equipment, PAYMENT OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL, COMPETENCY TRAININGS FOR TEACHING PERSONNEL, OPERATION OF ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) INCLUDING PAYMENT OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS OF ALS FACILITATORS, educational research, purchase of books and periodicals, TEACHING AIDS OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, sports development. AND ALL OTHER

*EXPENDITURES RELATIVE TO THE PROMOTION OF ACCESSIBLE
PUBLIC EDUCATION as determined and approved by the Local School
Board."*

Section 3. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act, the Office of the President, Department of Interior and Local Government, and the Department of Education shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

Section 4. ***Repealing Clause.*** All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act. are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. ***Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,