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HOUSE BILL NO. 7275



Introduced by the **Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A glance of the organizational structure of the education system in the country would reveal that cities have a separate schools division office. Established as a city in 1938 thru Commonwealth Act No. 338, Tagaytay City still does not have its own schools division office.

The proposed law herein seeks to create the Tagaytay City Schools Division Office. The establishment of a separate schools division office in Tagaytay City aims to bring a more effective and efficient management of schools in the jurisdiction of the city. The creation of the Tagaytay City Schools Division Office will also further ensure the compliance of city schools with the standards of quality education.

At this point it is elucidating to highlight the Constitutional provision about education, which mandates that: "*The State shall protect and promote the right of all the citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take the appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.*" The creation of a separate schools division in Tagaytay City is clearly a step towards the city's compliance with said constitutional mandate. To highlight, the penultimate goal for establishing the Tagaytay City Schools Division Office is to promote the performance of students, thru the improved supervision and management of educational institutions in Tagaytay City.

Approval of the foregoing bill is earnestly being sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE
TAGAYTAY CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This act shall be known as the “*Tagaytay City Schools Division Office Act.*”

Section 2. *Establishment of the Tagaytay City Schools Division Office.* – There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), a City Schools Division Office in Tagaytay City, Province of Cavite, which shall have jurisdiction over the school districts within Tagaytay City and headed by a division superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the DepEd.

SECTION 3. *Personnel of the Tagaytay City Schools Division Office.* – The staff complement of the Tagaytay City Schools Division Office shall possess the necessary qualifications required by the DepEd.

The salaries of the superintendent, supervisors, principals, teachers, non-teaching personnel, and other operational expenses of the primary, intermediate, high schools, and other public schools in Tagaytay City shall be borne by the national government. Provided that, the powers and duties of the local government as contained in the Local Government Code in support of the schools shall not be abridged, curtailed, or diminished.

SECTION 4. *Budget of the Tagaytay City Schools Division Office.* – The amount necessary for the operationalization of the Tagaytay City Schools Division Office shall be charged against those authorized in the current appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education, in coordination with the city government of Tagaytay City, shall issue rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulation or part thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,