



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 397



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE CHEENO MIGUEL D. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Department of Education (DepEd) recently included in its strategic goals the “expansion of access and inclusion in basic education.” In line with this thrust, the DepEd institutionalized the Special Education (SPED) Program – a curriculum that caters specifically to learners who are visually or hearing impaired, orthopedically handicapped, have learning disabilities, suffer speech impediments, or are afflicted with autism, ADHD and other similar medical conditions. Students in the SPED program are placed in an educational environment with facilities suited to their abilities and guided by sufficient faculty and staff members trained to educate special learners.

At present, there are only three (3) SPED Centers in the Schools Division of the City of Mati, Davao Oriental. Due to the distance and financial constraints brought about by high transportation costs, personal and safety expenses, and other necessary logistical costs, these centers are inaccessible to special learners residing in the farther areas of the district including barangays Dahican, Dawan, Macangao, La Union, Tibanban and Luzon.

This bill is being filed in response to the petition made by the residents of the Municipality of San Isidro for the establishment of a SPED Center within their municipal proper to be called the La Union Elementary School SPED Center. A version of this bill was previously filed during the 19th Congress by the same principal.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LA UNION,
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS
LA UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department
2 of Education, a special education school in Barangay La Union, Municipality of San Isidro,
3 Province of Davao Oriental to be known as La Union Elementary School Special Education
4 (SPED) Center.

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6 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
7 Department's program the operationalization of the La Union Elementary School SPED
8 Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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10 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations
11 implementing the provisions of this Act.

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13 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect (15) days after its publication in the Official
14 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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17 *Approved.*