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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 907



Introduced by **HON. JOHN TRACY F. CAGAS**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE CITY OF DIGOS AND IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN
THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take the appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. The State shall likewise give the highest priority to the enactment of measures that promote human development and the acceleration of social progress, thereby reducing social, economic and political inequalities.

Thus, Republic Act No. 11510 or the Alternative Learning System Act was signed into law to institutionalize the Alternative Learning System Program of the Department of Education to ensure that more out-of-school youths and adults will be able to have access to quality basic education.

The proposed establishment of Alternative Learning System Community Learning Centers in City of Digos and in every municipality in the Province of Davao Del Sur shall provide increased opportunities for out-of-school children in special cases, adult learners, and indigenous peoples in the Province to develop basic and functional literacy and life skills, and pursue an equivalent pathway to complete basic education. The proposed ALS CLCs shall identify the needs and opportunities in the ALS Program in the Province of Davao Del Sur and help implement the programs and projects of the Department of Education's Alternative Learning System K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum. This bill has been filed during the 19th Congress but was left pending with the committee.

It is for the foregoing reason that the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* – As mandated under Republic Act No. 11510 or the Alternative System Learning Act, there shall be established in the City of Digos and in every municipality in the Province of Davao Del Sur an Alternative Learning System Community Learning Center (ALS CLC) to facilitate a learning environment for the full implementation of the ALS K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) and other ALS programs.

The ALS CLCs shall be under the direct supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd).

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of Alternative Learning System Community Learning Centers in the City of Digos and in every municipality in the Province of Davao Del Sur, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continuous implementation this Act, including the construction or provision of ALS CLCs and the payment of transportation and teaching aid allowance for ALS teachers and community implementors, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of the Department of Education shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,