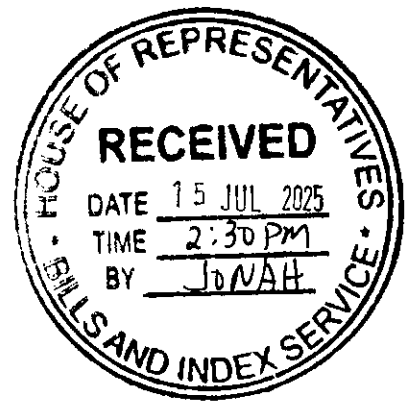


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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House Bill No. 1909

Introduced by Rep. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution provides that, *"The State shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."*¹

As mandated, the Department of Education formulates, implements, and coordinates policies, plans, programs, and projects in the areas of formal and non-formal basic education. It supervises all elementary and secondary education institutions, including alternative learning systems, both public and private; and provides for the establishment and maintenance of a complete, adequate, and integrated system of basic education relevant to the goals of national development. In effect, it is the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent that provides local management and administration of the Department's mandate at the school division level.

The Province of Bohol is the tenth largest island in the Philippines. It is a first-class province divided into three (3) congressional districts. The province is composed of one city, Tagbilaran City serving as its capital, forty-seven (47) municipalities, and 1,109 barangays; it also has 75 minor surrounding islands.

Accordingly, the province has 1,546 schools, comprising both public and private, to include the 68 island schools. At present, there are

¹ Constitution, Article XIV, Sec 1

two (2) existing DepEd Schools Division Office – the Provincial Schools Division and the City Schools Division, both of which are situated in Tagbilaran City. The Schools Division of Bohol is considered a “Large Division”, it has a total of 14,577 teaching and teaching related personnel and 955 non-teaching personnel in the three (3) congressional districts.

This current setup of Bohol Schools Division has caused unwarranted inconvenience to its stakeholders. Notably, teachers and non-teaching personnel especially those coming from the islands and far flung areas face certain difficulties in transacting business in the Schools Division Office in Tagbilaran City which is a considerable distance from their school of origin. Consequently, issues and concerns cannot be resolved immediately, and thus, basic services like retirement and other benefit claims take longer time to process.

It is in this light that there is a need to create two (2) additional schools division in the Province of Bohol. This bill is a reiteration to the one filed by this representation and was approved during the 19th Congress.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS DIVISION
OFFICES FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICTS OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), two (2) additional Schools Division Offices in the Province of Bohol.

The Second Schools Division Office shall have jurisdiction over all basic education schools in the municipalities of the Second Congressional District; and the Third Schools Division Office shall have jurisdiction over all basic education schools in the municipalities of the Third Congressional District.

The DepEd shall determine the staff complement and the qualification standards of the personnel assigned at the Schools Division Office of the Second Congressional District and the Schools Division Office of the Third Congressional District.

Section 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operation of the Schools Division Office of the Second Congressional District and the Schools Division Office of the Third Congressional District, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Within ninety (90⁵) days after the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

Section 4. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or part thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, superseded or amended accordingly.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.