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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Children with disabilities are one of the most marginalized groups of children in our society. In 2022, UNICEF estimates that there are about 1.6 million Filipino children with disabilities¹. A lot of these children face conditions prejudicial to their growth, development, and survival such as of extreme poverty and discrimination.

Moreover, children with disabilities face barriers in accessing educational opportunities. According to the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), as of January 2023, there are 898 SPED Centers in the country wherein 683 of these are public or DepEd schools. In Region VII, there are a total of 70 SPED Centers and only 5 in the 3rd district of Negros Oriental². Because of this, many children with disabilities in the 3rd district cannot fully enjoy their right to education.

This bill is being filed to ensure that children with disabilities in the Municipality of Siaton, in the 3rd district of Negros Oriental, have equal access to education, reach their full potential, and break from the cycle of poverty and discrimination.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


JANICE V. DEGAMO

Representative, 3rd District of Negros Oriental

¹ Cost of Raising Children with Disabilities in the Philippines, UNICEF 2022

² Bayawan East Central Elementary School, Dawis Central School, Sta. Catalina Central Elementary School, Bayawan National High School, Sta. Catalina National High School see: <https://ncda.gov.ph/negros-oriental/> (last accessed 11 August 2025)

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL AND INCLUSIVE
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIATON TO
BE KNOWN AS THE SIATON SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL AND
INCLUSIVE LEARNING CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There is hereby established, under the Supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), a special education school and inclusive learning resource center in the Municipality of Siaton to be known as the Siaton Special Education (SPED) School and Inclusive Learning Resource Center.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Siaton SPED School and Inclusive Learning Resource Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The DepEd together with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and other relevant agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing this Act subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 11650 or Instituting a Policy of Inclusion and Services for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education Act.", Batas Pambansa Blg. 344 otherwise known as the "Accessibility Law" and other relevant orders, issuance, and rules and regulations.

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

Approved,