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HOUSE BILLNO. 6272

Introduced by **REP. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO**

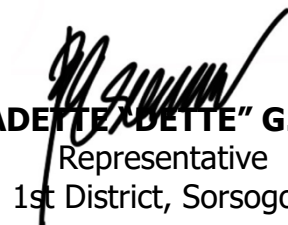
AN ACT
CONVERTING THE TONGDOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
TONGDOL, MUNICIPALITY OF DONSOL, SORSOGON TO TONGDOL
INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

Established in 1990, Tongdol Elementary School is situated in a predominantly agricultural community. While the school has recorded a steady increase in enrollment and possesses a conducive 5,000-square-meter campus, the transition of its graduates to secondary education remains a critical challenge. Data reveals that nearly 80% of residents in the area fail to complete secondary education. The noticeable distance to the nearest high school, compounded by the costs of daily transportation and the unstable economic status of farming families, forces many students to abandon their schooling. The conversion of the school into an Integrated School is the most pragmatic solution to this compelling challenge. The institution is operationally ready, backed by strong community and local government support, improved road accessibility, and a pool of locally resident licensed teachers ready to serve our student. By offering a seamless K-12 curriculum within the barangay, the State can effectively arrest the high dropout rate and alleviate the financial burden on parents.

In view of the foregoing, and to uphold the State's duty to bring educational opportunities to the countryside, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **Section 1. Conversion into a Tongdol Integrated School.** – The Tongdol
2 Elementary School in Barangay Tongdol, Municipality of Donsol, Sorsogon is hereby
3 converted into an integrated school to be known as Tongdol Integrated School.
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5 **Sec. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.** – All personnel, assets, liabilities
6 and records of the Tongdol Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed
7 by the Tongdol Integrated School.
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9 **Sec. 3. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately
10 include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Tongdol Integrated
11 School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
12 Act.
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14 **Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
15 complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.
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17 Approved,
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