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HOUSE BILLNO. 6273

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

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE QUIRAPI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
QUIRAPI, MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA, SORSOGON TO QUIRAPI
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 1957, Quirapi Elementary School sits on a one-hectare property in a coastal barangay driven by fishing and farming. It serves as a crucial catchment area not only for Barangay Quirapi but also for the neighboring communities of Tomalaytay, Pandan, Sto. Niño, and Pongpongan. Despite its long history, the youth of these communities face severe barriers to secondary education. The nearest high school is five kilometers away, with no regular public transportation available. Students are forced to either walk for up to two hours daily, hire expensive tricycles, or utilize precarious modes of travel such as habal-habal. Consequently, approximately 85% of residents fail to complete secondary education, with many children compelled to abandon their studies to work as farmhands, fisherfolk, or domestic helpers. The conversion of the school is operationally ready for this expansion, possessing four classrooms immediately available for secondary levels, sufficient ICT infrastructure, and a land area suitable for future infrastructure development.

In view of the foregoing, 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 Quirapi Integrated School.** – The Quirapi
2 Elementary School in Barangay Quirapi, Municipality of Castilla Sorsogon is hereby
3 converted into an integrated school to be known as Quirapi Integrated School.
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5 **Sec. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.** – All personnel, assets, liabilities
6 and records of the Quirapi Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed
7 by the Quirapi 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 Quirapi 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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