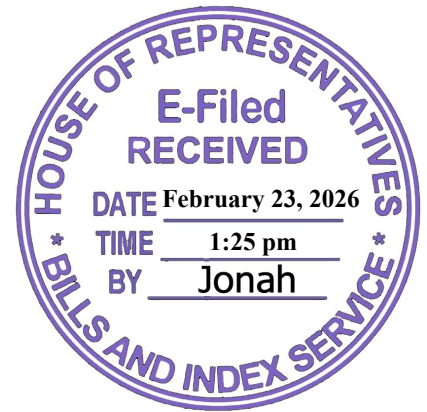


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Many public schools in the Philippines operate on land that has never been formally titled in the name of the government, despite being used as school sites for decades. This lack of clear ownership creates legal uncertainty, delays infrastructure projects, and exposes schools to the risk of land disputes, hampering the delivery of safe and adequate learning environments for students.

This bill provides a simple and summary administrative process to transfer and register titles of lands that have been continuously used as public school sites for at least five years in the name of the Department of Education. By avoiding lengthy court proceedings, the measure ensures faster, more efficient titling while safeguarding the State's interest in protecting public school properties.

By securing legal ownership of school sites, this measure strengthens the foundation of public education. It enables timely school improvements, protects public assets, and ensures that school lands are preserved solely for educational purposes, ultimately benefiting learners, teachers, and communities nationwide.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.


CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP
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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUMMARY TITLING OF REAL
PROPERTIES USED AS SITES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

SECTION 1. Purpose of this act. — It is hereby declared the policy of the State to provide all lands utilized as public school sites with titles under the name of the Department of Education to enable it to have legal ownership over these school sites.

SECTION 2. Mandatory Titling of School Sites. — Titles to real properties, public or private, including those owned or possessed by the national, provincial, city or municipal governments which are being utilized as actual sites for public schools for a period of at least five (5) years shall be transferred to the Department of Education by simple motion filed by the Office of the Solicitor General or by the City or Provincial Prosecutor.

The proceedings shall be administrative and summary in nature and the decision shall be final and executory and not subject to appeal except in a petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court.

SECTION 3. Registration of Land Titles. — The Registry of Deeds concerned shall forthwith register the properties as provided herein and issue the corresponding certificate of title to the Department of Education.

SECTION 4. Rules and Regulations. — The Department of Justice, the Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shall jointly promulgate the implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 5. Appropriations. — Funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Education under the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. — If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, orders, issuances or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,