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HOUSE BILL NO. 10685

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARAMAG, PROVINCE OF
BUKIDNON, A SOUTH SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution states that the State shall “*Establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.*”

In line with this mandate, this measure seeks the establishment of a South School Division Office in the Province of Bukidnon to support the existing operations of its School Division currently handling 20 municipalities. Bukidnon is considered as one of the largest provinces in Mindanao with its vast land area of approximately 10,498.59 square kilometers. It also has one of the largest schools division in the entire Region X with a teacher population of approximately 11,000 and jurisdiction spanning to 20 municipalities. To effectively perform their mandate and its students, this proposed measure seeks to divide the municipalities to the current school division and the South School Division.

The partition of the School Division in the province into two will provide, not only additional manpower, but will greatly improve the competence and capacities of the teachers and school administrators of the two schools division that will redound to excellence in academic achievement of schools in the province.

In view of the foregoing, I earnestly seek the approval of this measure.

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AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI
Representative, 3rd District of Bukidnon

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

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4 **SEC 1. *Short Title.*** – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the
5 Department of Education (DepEd), a South Schools Division Office in the Municipality of
6 Maramag, Province of Bukidnon.

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8 The South Schools Division Office shall have jurisdiction over all basic education
9 schools in all municipalities covering the Third and Fourth Districts of the Province of
10 Bukidnon.

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12 The DepEd shall determine the staff complement and the qualification standards of the
13 personnel assigned at the South Schools Division Office.

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15 **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's
16 program the operationalization of the South Schools Division Office of the Province of
17 Bukidnon, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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19 **SEC.3.** Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the Secretary of
20 Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

21 **SEC. 4.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction,
22 proclamations, or administrative orders, rules or regulations that are inconsistent with the
23 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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25 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
26 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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28 *Approved,*