



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9358

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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9155, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“GOVERNANCE OF BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2001”

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9155, otherwise known as the “Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. *Powers, Duties, and Functions.* – x x x.

“x x x

“B. Regional Level

“There shall be as many regional offices as may be provided by law. Each regional office shall have a director, an assistant director and an office staff for program promotion and support, planning, administrative, [and] fiscal, **LEGAL AND ANCILLARY** services.

“Consistent with the national educational policies, plans and standards, the regional director shall have authority, accountability and responsibility for the following:

“(1) x x x;

“(2) Developing a regional basic education plan **WHILE MONITORING, EVALUATING AND ASSESSING REGIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES;**

1 “(3) x x x;

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3 “(4) [Monitoring, evaluating and assessing regional learning outcomes]
4 **CONTEXTUALIZING POLICIES OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE, PROVIDE**
5 **DIRECTION SETTING FOR THE REGION, AND EXTEND SUPPORT**
6 **AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE**
7 **TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE AND COHERENT IMPLEMENTATION**
8 **OF NATIONAL POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND STANDARDS;**

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10 “x x x

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12 “C. Division Level

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14 “[A division shall consist of a province or a city which shall have] **AS**
15 **MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, UPON**
16 **ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL PROFILE, DEMOGRAPHICS, AND**
17 **GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATIONS, A PROVINCE, CITY, OR**
18 **MUNICIPALITY, OR A CLUSTER THEREOF MAY CONSTITUTE A**
19 **DIVISION OR DIVISIONS. EACH DIVISION SHALL HAVE** a schools
20 division superintendent, at least one assistant schools division
21 superintendent and an office staff for programs promotion, planning,
22 administrative, fiscal, legal, ancillary and other support services.

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24 “Consistent with the national educational policies, plans and
25 standards, the schools division superintendents shall have authority,
26 accountability and responsibility for the following:

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28 “x x x

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30 “D. Schools District Level

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32 “Upon the recommendation of the schools division superintendents
33 **AND APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**, the regional
34 director may establish additional schools district within a schools division.
35 Schools districts already existing at the time of the passage of this law shall
36 be [maintained] **REVIEWED AND RATIONALIZED BY THE**
37 **SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OR A DULY AUTHORIZED**
38 **REPRESENTATIVE**. A schools district shall have a schools district
39 supervisor and an office staff [for program promotion] **STATIONED AT**
40 **SUCH DISTRICT.**

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42 “x x x”

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44 **SEC. 2.** Section 13 of Republic Act No. 9155 is hereby amended to read as
45 follows:

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47 “SEC. 13. *Governance in the* [ARMM] **BARMM**. – The [Regional
48 Education Secretary for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
49 (ARMM)] **MINISTER OF BASIC, HIGHER AND TECHNICAL**
50 **EDUCATION OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN**

1 **MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)** shall exercise similar governance
2 authority over the divisions, districts, schools and learning centers in the
3 region as may be provided in [the Organic Act without prejudice to the
4 provisions of Republic Act No. 9054, entitled "An Act to Strengthen and
5 Expand the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao,
6 Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6734, entitled 'An Act
7 Providing for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, as amended.'"]
8 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ORGANIC**
9 **LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM**
10 **MINDANAO.**

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12 **"THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AT THE DISCRETION OF**
13 **THE SECRETARY, MAY PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND**
14 **TRAINING PROGRAMS TO THE DIVISIONS, DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS,**
15 **AND LEARNING CENTERS WITHIN BARMM."**

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17 **SEC. 3.** Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of
18 Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation
19 of this Act.

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21 **SEC. 4.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, resolutions, rules and
22 regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
23 hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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25 **SEC. 5.** Should any provision of this Act or any part hereof be declared
26 unconstitutional, the other provisions or parts not affected thereby shall remain in force
27 and effect.

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29 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
30 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,