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House Bill No. 9344



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish separate schools division offices in the First (1st) District and Second (2nd) District of the Province of Zamboanga Del Sur. Currently, Zamboanga Del Sur Schools Division Office, which is located at Pagadian City caters more or less ten thousand teachers from twenty-six (26) municipalities.

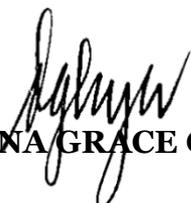
Given the size of the Province and the location of the lone Schools Division Office from other municipalities, an establishment of offices strategically located in the Province would support the operational activities of the Department of Education. In this way, all of the schools would be administered efficiently.

The municipalities of Labangan and Tigbao are strategically situated in the Province to improve the delivery of basic education services to our respective constituents.

None other than the 1987 Constitution declares 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.”

My continuing desire to enhance the quality of education in the Province would start from helping the administration of the Department of Education boost their capabilities as an institution.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING SEPARATE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICES IN THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR

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

Section 1. Establishment of Schools Division. – There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), Schools Division Offices in the Municipality of Labangan for the First District and in the Municipality of Tigbao in the Second District of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur. Each of these offices shall be headed by a division superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the DepEd.

Likewise, the staff complement for each District Schools Division Office shall also possess the necessary qualifications required by the DepEd.

Section 2. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in its program the operationalization of the District Schools Division Office of the First (1st) and Second (2nd) District of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued operation of the offices shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 4. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue the rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

Approved.