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HOUSE BILL NO. 3873



Introduced by **HON. GUSTAVO S. TAMBUNTING**

**AN ACT
CREATING A BUREAU OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

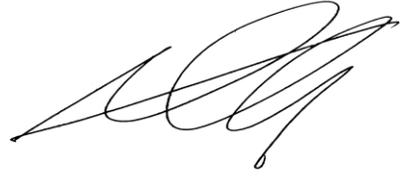
The state must recognize and operationalize the complementary roles of public and private educational institutions in the country's education system. This has been largely unfulfilled as the Department of Education is heavily focused on public schools. While understandable, considering the complexity of the public education system, the duty of the Department to fairly tend to the needs of both public and private education sectors remain.

The problem here is that private educational institutions have different and specific needs than those public educational institutions. This is something that the Department usually overlooks. The Federation of Associations of Private Schools Administrators (FAPSA) has repeatedly noted that the position of the Department of Education on some issues conflicts with the needs of private schools.

In this regard, this measure seeks to establish within the Department of Education, a Bureau of Private Schools which shall serve as the main implementing arm of the private education programs of the Department of Education. This would allow for better representation of the specific needs and problems of the private education sector within the Department. The Bureau of Private Schools shall be responsible for the formulation, development, and evaluation of programs and the overall quality of education in private schools.

This proposed measure is imperative considering the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on private educational institutions which led to the closure of 865 private schools in the School Year 2020-2021. Ultimately, the goal of this measure is to strengthen the private education sector in becoming an effective partner of the public education system in providing quality education to Filipinos.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. In recognition of the vital role that the private school system plays in the Philippine education system and to oversee and address the problems and concerns of private schools throughout the country, a Bureau of Private Schools, hereinafter referred to as the Bureau, is hereby created under the Department of Education.

SEC. 2. As the main implementing arm of the private education programs of the Department of Education, the Bureau shall be functionally assigned to conduct studies and formulate, develop, and evaluate programs and educational standards for primary and secondary education in all private schools. It shall undertake studies necessary for the preparation of prototype curricular designs, instructional materials, and teacher and training programs and formulate guidelines to improve education in private schools and general management of these schools.

The Bureau shall function as a regular bureau of the Department of Education under the supervision of the Department Secretary and be headed by a Bureau Director. The Director, with the approval of the Secretary, may create such divisions and offices and appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. To carry out the provisions of this Act, all programs of the different bureaus of the Department of Education relative to private education are hereby placed under the supervision, integration, control, and coordination of the Bureau.

SEC. 4. The Department of Education, in coordination with the concerned organization of private schools in the country, shall issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. If any provision or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette and in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,