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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State's goal of improving the quality of education in the country would not be considered attained if education remains inaccessible to many Filipinos, particularly those who are in the far-flung areas without proper roads. Making education accessible to all at all levels also entails physical access to schools and academic institutions.

Therefore, improving access to schools through roads and bridges would encourage more students to pursue their education, reducing the number of uneducated and illiterate in our country.

This bill, which had been filed during the 17th Congress by Rep. Salvador Belaro, seeks to make all public elementary and high schools in the country accessible to all through the creation of roads and bridges leading to these institutions.


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**AN ACT GIVING ROAD ACCESS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "School Accessibility Act of 2022"

SEC. 2. Declaration of State Policy. - It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all, not only educational access but physical access to public schools.

SEC. 3. The Department of Public Works and Highways is mandated to prioritize the construction of roads and bridges leading to all public elementary schools and high schools throughout the country. Initially, at least one lane roads and/or bridges shall be constructed for every school with no existing roads and/or bridges.

SEC. 4. The roads and/or bridges shall be constructed directly leading to all public schools.

SEC. 5. The construction of roads and/or bridges shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 6. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 7. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,