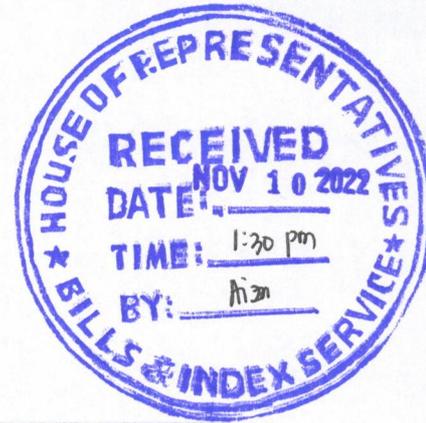


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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a fundamental right for all Filipinos. The protection and the promotion of this right should always be the State's topmost priority. As proclaimed in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." Therefore, ensuring easier access to education for everyone, regardless of gender, socio-economic background, or other factors, is the first step in pursuing this mandate.

In the view of the foregoing, this bill endeavors to guarantee access to educational facilities for all Filipino children who are bona fide residents of a town or city where such school or facilities are located.

Access to education should remain unhindered for all Filipinos. Thus, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL  
EDUCATION**

*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 "Public School Democratization Act of 2022."

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** In order to strengthen the mandate of the Constitution concerning education under Article XIV, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to afford full protection to and assure access to quality education for Filipino children who are bona fide residents of a particular province or city where the school is located.

Pursuant to the foregoing state policy, the Philippines, through this Act, shall consolidate and institutionalize existing government efforts in effecting meaningful programs on education bordering on this concern.

**SECTION 3. Prohibited Act.** It is hereby declared unlawful for any public school official, principal, faculty, teacher, or employee to refuse admission of any student in a primary or secondary public school, for whatever reasons, in a community where the said student is a bona fide resident as certified by the Barangay Captain.

**SECTION 4. Penal Clause.** Any public school official, principal, faculty, teacher, or employee who violates any provisions of this Act, or the rules and regulations made thereof shall after compliance with the requirements of administrative due process be punished with one (1) month suspension from service and fined with five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for the first offense and with dismissal from service and temporary disqualification to hold public office for a period of six (6) months for the second offense, provided, finally that said violation shall be punished with dismissal from service and perpetual disqualification to hold public office for third or subsequent offenses.

**SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Department of Education shall promulgate implementing rules and regulations consistent with the objectives of



liberalizing access to education for Filipino children who are residing in the same city, municipality, or province where such school is located.

**SECTION 6. Appropriations.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the funds of the Department of Education and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 7. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and administrative regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*

