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HOUSE BILL NO. 6158

### Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Schools division offices are the primary support structure in school operations and they exercise direct administrative supervision over schools. Their functions and activities are geared towards addressing the urgent problems at the school level.

However, with the increasing number of learners and the considerable gap between student to teacher ratio, the operations of the Schools Divisions have become difficult considering also the wide distance in travel and the present geographical jurisdiction.

This is the peril sought to be addressed by this bill by establishing a separate Schools Division Office for the Second District of Zamboanga del Sur in the Municipality of San Miguel.

With this bill, effective management of human and material resources of the DepEd in Zamboanga del Sur will be intensified toward enhancing the delivery of quality, relevant and liberating education. Thus, safeguarding high academic performance among the schools and the learners in the province.

Likewise, a separate Schools Division Office in the province's Second District will make DepEd more receptive to concerns of the constituents therein considering the distance and travel time to the current Division Office located in Pagadian City.

It is therefore recommended that the foregoing bill be approved.

LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Zamboanga del Sur

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. **Establishment of a Schools Division.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), a District School Division Office, which shall have jurisdiction over the schools within the Second District of Zamboanga del Sur and shall be headed by a division superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by DepEd.

The staff complement for the District School Division Office, whose office shall be located in the Municipality of San Miguel, 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 School Division Office of the Second District 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 office shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.
- Section 3. **Repealing clause.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and issuances and 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 circulation.

Approved,

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