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HOUSE BILL NO. 5085

Introduced by Representative Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

A lot of projects and programs of different government agencies are in the works to continuously improve the quality of education in the country. What we tend to overlook is the fact that while accessible and affordable quality education is now available to our citizens and more schools are erected and more facilities are upgraded, the fact remains that these institutions still might not be physically accessible to citizens from far flung places due to the lack of proper roads or bridges.

This Act seeks to ensure that elementary schools and high schools all over the country are accessible to everybody through the construction of roads and bridges that lead directly 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 assembles:

SECTION 1. Shot Title. This Act shall be known as the "School Accessibility Act of 2019."

- Sec. 2. Declaration of 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 (DPWH) is mandated to prioritize the construction of roads and bridges leading to all public schools throughout the country. Initially, at least one lane roads or bridges shall be constructed for every school with no existing roads and/or bridges.
- Sec. 4. The roads and bridges shall be constructed directly leading to all public schools. Furthermore the construction must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the DPWH.
- Sec. 5. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.
- Sec. 6. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, modified and amended accordingly.
- Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from complete publication in the Official Gazette or n a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,