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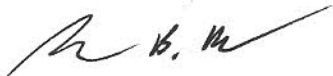
Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish at least one class for special and differently abled children in all public elementary schools in the country.

At present, our public schools are not capable of providing instruction to special and differently abled children. While there are special schools which cater to the needs of special children, the school fees they asses may not be affordable to poor families with special children.

Special children are also citizens of our country who deserve the protection of the State. They need the assistance of the State for them to become at least functional for the rest of their lives. The establishment of special classes in our public schools will go a long way in ensuring that they will become functional members of our society despite their being differently abled.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES IN ALL PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ALL OVER 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 “Special Education in Public Schools Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. There shall be established in every public elementary school in the country at least one class that will cater to the needs of special and differently abled children.

SEC. 4. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall be mandated to formulate the rules and regulations that will be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. 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. 6. 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laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.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. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.