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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a separate Division Office of the Department of Education for the Second Legislative District of Sulu.

Sulu is identified as having one of the lowest in literacy rates in the Philippines today in addition to its being in the list of the ten (10) most depressed provinces nationwide. The dismal low literacy and alarmingly high drop- out rates need to be addressed if only to make development, to include peace and order, efforts succeed in Sulu.

Of the total nineteen (19) municipalities in Sulu, eleven (11) belongs to the Second Legislative District, of which five (5) are island-municipalities. The lone DepEd Division Office of Sulu is located in the First Legislative District in the town of Jolo which makes access by teachers and clientele from the 2nd district localities difficult, needless to mention the high cost of transportation and inconvenience of travel.

In view of these and the growing number of schools and student/pupil population in the 2nd district, the creation of another schools division office in the area has become a necessity to assure the effective delivery of quality education to the our people in Sulu.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought,

MUNIR M. ARBISON

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HOUSE BILL NO.____2753

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SULU SECOND DISTRICT DIVISION OFFICE OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Education a separate district division office of the Department of Education in the Second Congressional District, Province of Sulu, to be located in the Municipality of Luuk, to be known as Sulu Second District Division Office of the Department of Education.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall include in its program funding requirements for the operationalization of the Sulu Second District Division Office of the DepEd, in the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 3. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved