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HOUSE BILL No. 4810

Introduced by **Rep. MARLYN B. ALONTE**

AN ACT EXPANDING THE PURPOSES AND APPLICATION OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 272 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Republic Act No. 7160 or the "Local Government Code", schools and educational institutions in local governments can request for financial support through the Special Education Fund (SEF). This can be in "the operation and maintenance of public schools, construction and repair of school building, facilities and equipment, educational research, purchase of books and periodicals, and sports development."

Unfortunately, the law is restrictive and therefore cannot be used in cases not specifically mentioned. As a result, the SEF is being underutilized in areas where the public education system could have been aided.

This bill aims to expand the application of the proceeds of the additional one percent (1%) Special Education Fund tax to other education-related items, including but not limited to the construction and repair of libraries, payment of salaries, allowances and other benefits of teaching and non-teaching personnel.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Section 272 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 272. *Application of Proceeds of the Additional One Percent SEF Tax.* - The proceeds from the additional one percent (1%) tax on real property accruing to the Special Education Fund (SEF) shall be automatically released to the local school boards: Provided, That, in case of provinces, the proceeds shall be divided equally between the provincial and municipal school boards: Provided, however, That the proceeds shall be allocated for the operation and maintenance of public schools, construction and repair of school buildings **AND LIBRARIES**, facilities and equipment, **PAYMENT OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL, COMPETENCY TRAININGS FOR TEACHING PERSONNEL, OPERATION OF ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) INCLUDING PAYMENT OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS OF ALS FACILITATORS**, educational research, purchase of

books and periodicals, **TEACHING AIDS, OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS,** [and] sports development, **AND ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES RELATIVE TO THE PROMOTION OF ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC EDUCATION** as determined and approved by the Local School Board."

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of Education shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,