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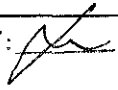
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to strengthen the local school board by expanding the composition of its membership to include a *duly accredited non-governmental organization* involved in non-formal education and training activities. This is in consonance with the constitutional policy of the State to encourage non-governmental organizations to participate in the promotion of the welfare of the nation thru their active participation in local governance.

To promote transparency and public monitoring, public observers are added to those who should be present and in attendance during the meetings of the local school board.

The functions of the local school board are proposed to be amended to give the special body a stronger voice in the determination and recommendation of the annual supplementary budgetary needs for the operation and maintenance of the local public schools.

Finally, the proposed bill seeks to enlarge the priority items in the annual school board budget which includes the salaries, allowances and benefits of the public school teachers, day care centers, vocational and skills training program for our youth who can no longer financially afford a college education, and adult education program to instill upon citizens the value of finishing at least a high school degree.

  
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AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, AMENDING SECTIONS 98 AND 100 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 98 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 Section 98. *Creation, Composition and Compensation.* -

3 (a) There shall be established in every province, city, or municipality a provincial city, or  
4 municipal school board; respectively.

5 (b) The composition of local school boards shall be as follows:

6 (1) The provincial school board shall be composed of the governor and the  
7 division superintendent of schools as co-chairman; the chairman of the  
8 education committee of the sangguniang panlalawigan, the provincial  
9 treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang  
10 kabataan in the sangguniang panlalawigan, the duly elected president of  
11 the provincial federation of parents-teachers associations, the duly elected  
12 representative of the teachers' organizations in the province, the duly  
13 elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in  
14 the province, **AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A DULY ACCREDITED LOCAL**  
15 **NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN NON-FORMAL**  
16 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES,** as members.

1 (2) The city school board shall be composed of the city mayor and the city  
2 superintendent of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education  
3 *committee of the sangguniang panlungsod*, the city treasurer, the  
4 representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the  
5 sangguniang panlungsod, the duly elected president of the city federation of  
6 parents – teachers association, the duly elected representative of the  
7 teachers’ organizations in the city, the duly elected representative of the  
8 non-academic personnel of public schools in the city, **AND A**  
9 **REPRESENTATIVE FROM A DULY ACCREDITED LOCAL NON-**  
10 **GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION**  
11 **AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES AS MEMBERS;** and

12 (3) The municipal school board shall be composed of the municipal mayor and  
13 the district supervisor of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the  
14 education committee of the sangguniang bayan, the municipal treasurer,  
15 the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the  
16 sangguniang bayan, the duly elected president of the municipal federation  
17 *of parent-teacher associations; the duly elected representative of the*  
18 *teachers’ organizations in the municipality, the duly elected representative*  
19 *of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the municipality, AND A*  
20 **REPRESENTATIVE FROM A DULY ACCREDITED LOCAL NON -**  
21 **GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN NON - FORMAL**  
22 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES,** as members.

1 (c) In the event that a province or city has two (2) or more school superintendents, and  
2 in the event that a municipality has two (2) or more district supervisors, the co-  
3 chairman of the local school board shall be determined as follows:

4 (1) The Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall designate the co-  
5 chairman for the provincial and city school boards; and

6 (2) The division superintendent of schools shall designate the district supervisor  
7 who shall serve as co-chairman of the municipal school board.

8 (d) The performance of the duties and responsibilities of the abovementioned  
9 officials in the respective local school boards shall not be delegated.

10 **(E) TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC MONITORING, THE FOLLOWING MAY  
11 ATTEND AS OBSERVERS DURING THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS:**

12 **(1) IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE PUBLIC  
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERVISORS NOT SELECTED AS THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF  
14 THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD;**

15 **(2) THE PRINCIPAL OR ADMINISTRATOR OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

16 **Section 2.** Section 100 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 Section 100. *Meetings and Quorum; Budget.* -

18 (a) The local school board shall meet at least once a month or as often as may be  
19 necessary.

20 (b) Any of the co-chairmen may call a meeting. A majority of all its members shall  
21 constitute a quorum. However, when both co-chairmen are present in a meeting,  
22 the local chief executive concerned, as a matter of protocol, shall be given  
23 preference to preside over the meeting. The division superintendent, city  
24 superintendent or district supervisor, as the case may be, shall prepare the budget

1 of the school board concerned. Such budget shall be supported by programs,  
2 projects, and activities of the school board for the ensuing fiscal year. The  
3 affirmative vote of the majority of all the members shall be necessary to approve  
4 the budget.

5 (c) The annual school board budget shall give priority to the following:

6 (1) Construction, repair, and maintenance of school buildings and other  
7 facilities of public elementary and secondary schools;

8 (2) Establishment and maintenance of extension classes where necessary;

9 (3) Sports Activities at the division, district, municipal, and barangay levels.

10 (4) DAY CARE AND PRE-SCHOOL CENTERS;

11 (5) ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM;

12 (6) VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM; AND,

13 (7) SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, AND BENEFITS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

14 **Section 3. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such  
15 sections or parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

16 **Section 4. Repealing Clause.** All decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or  
17 parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

18 **Section 5. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in  
19 at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

20 Approved,