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SENATE

S. B. No. 864

Introduced by Senator **JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Special Education Fund arises from the additional one percent tax on real property and is allotted by the Local Government Code to the local school boards. This Fund is allocated by the Code for the operation and maintenance of public schools; construction and repair of school buildings, facilities and equipment; educational research; purchase of books and periodicals; and sports development in amounts determined by the local school boards themselves.

However, these purposes and applications do not respond to the challenges of the changing times. Thus, there is a need to amend the Local Government Code. To ensure the quality of our education system, the purposes and applications of the Special Education Fund must be expanded.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

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

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

"The proceeds from the additional one percent (1%) tax on real property accruing to the 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, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ELECTRIC AND WATER BILLS; construction and repair of school buildings, facilities and equipment, PAYMENT OF SALARIES.. ALLOWANCES,, AND OTHER BENEFITS OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL,, ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF EXTENSION CLASSES,, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF TEACHER ITEMS FOR SAID CLASSES,, educational research, purchase of [books,] PRESCRIBED TEXTBOOKS, periodicals, TEACHING AIDS, OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, and sports development as determined and approved by the local school board."

SEC. 2. All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,