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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

The youth plays a significant position in nation-building. As provided by the 1987 Constitution, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. Further, it shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

The Sangguniang Kabataan provides an ideal avenue for the youth to participate actively in government policy-making and in addressing public issues. However, this may be hampered by the lack of financial support from the government, aside from other problems confronting them such as lack of educational opportunities, unemployment, drug and alcohol addiction.

This bill aims to ensure the allocation of financial resources to the youth sector and mandate the automatic release thereof to prevent politics from entering into the equation. In effect, these young leaders will be encouraged and equipped to work for the accomplishment of their projects without unnecessary delay or need to play politics with funds already allocated for them.

As the adage goes, the youth is the hope of the nation. Towards this, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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## AN ACT

MANDATING THE AUTOMATIC RELEASE OF THE TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE GENERAL FUND OF BARANGAY ALLOCATED TO SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY (R.A. NO. **7160)**, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AND PROVIDING PENALTY THEREFOR."

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

**SECTION 1.** Sec. 329 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended with the insertion of a new paragraph, as follows:

"Section 329. x x x

"The 10% share of Sangguniang Kabataan in the general fund of the Barangay shall be released, without need of any further action, directly to the Sangguniang Kabataan treasurer on a quarterly basis within five (5) days after the end of each quarter, and which shall not be subject to any lien or holdback that may be imposed by the Baranggay for whatever purposes.

SECTION. 2. Sec. 433 of the same law is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 433. The sangguniang kabataan treasurer shall:

(a) Take custody of all sangguniang kabataan property and

funds;

(b) x x x

(c) Collect and issue official receipts for contributions, monies, materials, and all other resources intended for the sangguniang kabataan and the katipunan ng kabataan, and deposit the same in the account of the sanggunian as provided under Title Five, Book II of this Code.

**SECTION 3.** Any public official who willfully and deliberately delays or fails to automatically release the shares of Sangguniang Kabataan in the general fund of Barangay as provided by Section 329 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) as amended, shall be punished with *arresto mayor* and dismissal from office or a fine ranging from 50,000 to 100,000 pesos.

**SECTION 4.** For the purpose of the effective enforcement of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 5.** Any law, decree, presidential decree, executive or administrative order, rule or regulation inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,