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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Special Education Fund arises from the additional one percent (1%) 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 applicants 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 Special Education Fund must be expanded.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator
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 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:

"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]
PRESERVED TEXTBOOKS, periodicals, TEACHING AIDS, OTHER
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, and sports development as determined
and approved by the local school board."

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regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or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

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

Approved,