

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4171, September 13, 1964]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TWENTY-YEAR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The sum of fifty million pesos is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year nineteen hundred sixty-four to nineteen hundred sixty-five, and similar amount is authorized to be appropriated annually thereafter for the succeeding nineteen years, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and such authorization of funds shall be reflected in the President's budget, to carry out a twenty-year public elementary school construction program. Of the amount of fifty million pesos appropriated for the fiscal year nineteen hundred sixty-four to nineteen hundred sixty-five, the sum of six million pesos shall be made available for the repair, reconstruction, and improvement of existing public elementary school buildings, and shall be released as herein after provided in Section three of this Act.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created a committee to be composed of the Secretary of Education, as chairman, and the Secretary of Public Works and Communications and the Secretary of Finance as members, which shall adopt a twenty-year public elementary school building program covering all municipalities and cities throughout the country to provide adequate permanent and semi-permanent public elementary school buildings to house the growing school population of the country.

The said committee shall cause the preparation of plans and specifications for standardized public elementary school buildings, one type for urban communities and another type for rural communities, taking into consideration functionality, economy without sacrificing strength and durability, and aesthetics; and incorporating plans for landscaping.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall determine the allocation and distribution of the funds appropriated and authorized to be appropriated under this Act among the congressional districts on the basis of a sworn statement of the division superintendent concerned of the number of public elementary school pupils not housed in permanent or semi-permanent public elementary school buildings in each congressional district in relation to the total number of such pupils in the entire country during the preceding fiscal year: *Provided*, That releases of the appropriation herein provided shall be made for projects in any congressional district only upon recommendation of the congressman in the district concerned and in case there is no congressman for a particular district, then upon the recommendation of the former immediately preceding incumbent congressman and in his absence, of the governor of province: *And provided, further*, That no releases shall be made