

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 459, May 17, 1991]

**DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF
THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO CERTAIN
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
CULTURE AND SPORTS, THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER
ITS OFFICES IN THE REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XV of Republic Act No. 6734 provides "That the Autonomous Region shall establish, maintain and support a complete and integrated system of quality education and adopt an educational framework that is meaningful, relevant and responsive to the needs, ideals and aspirations of the people in the Region ";

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under the said Act, recognizing the primacy of education as a necessary pillar for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), has recommended the evaluation of certain powers and that the offices of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports within the ARMM may be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government to carry out this mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Policy to be Adopted. The Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall be responsible for the regional educational framework within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and shall adopt the policy of the National Government as embodied in Chapter I, Title VI, of the Administrative Code of 1987.

SEC. 2. General Functions. The powers and functions with regard to the formulation, planning, implementation and coordination of policies, plans, programs and projects of various aspects of education are hereby transferred to the ARG, specifically in the following areas:

- a. Elementary, secondary, physical and international education;
- b. Non-formal and vocational or technical education;
- c. Higher education;
- d. Development of culture;
- e. Foreign and locally-assisted projects and other activities relative to (a), (b), (c), and (d) above; and
- f. Such other functions as may be provided by law.

SEC. 3. Transfer of Control and Supervision. The offices of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) within the ARMM including their functions, powers and responsibilities, personnel, equipment, properties, budgets and liabilities are hereby placed under the control and supervision of the ARG.

SEC. 4. Transfer of Functions and Powers of the DECS Regional Offices. The following functions and powers of DECS Regional offices are hereby transferred to the ARG:

A. General Functions and Powers

- a.1 Formulate the regional plan of education based on the national plans taking into account the specific needs and traditions of the region;
- a.2 Implement laws, rules and regulations, policies, programs and projects of the Regional Department;
- a.3 Provide economical, efficient, and effective education service to the people;
- a.4 Coordinate with regional offices of other departments, offices and agencies in the region;
- a.5 Coordinate with local government units; and
- a.6 Perform such other functions as may be provided for by law.

B. Specific Functions and Powers

B.1 Administrative Management

- a. Act on all matters concerning appointment, promotion & transfer; hiring of casual employees, resignation, filling-up of positions & granting of leaves of absence and other personnel transactions;
- b. Legal and administrative investigation, recommendation, decision on cases, complaints, and other related matters;
- c. Act on requests to teach, engage in business, and exercise of professions;
- d. Act on request to render overtime services;
- e. Act on request for authority for domestic/outside travel;
- f. Conferring of incentives or recognition;
- g. Acceptance of donations such as titled real properties and personal properties;
- h. Act on requests for attendance of personnel to conferences, meetings, seminars and the like;

- i. Upkeep of records and records management;
- j. Supply management;
- k. Medical and Dental services; and
- l. Delivery of general administrative services.

B.2 Educational Supervision and School Administration

- a. Conduct school visitations and teaching supervision;
- b. Conduct educational statistical researches, experiments, studies, planning and organizations; and
- c. Preparation of data and statistical reports.

B.3 Financial Management

- a. Budget preparation and submission;
- b. Fiscal control, accounting and auditing of expenditures;
- c. Vouchers and claims processing for payment or disbursement of funds;
- d. Claims processing and payment of retirement pay, hazard pay, allowances, extra compensation, salary differentials and the like;
- e. Implementation of salary standardization / adjustment /merit increases;
- f. Recommend position classification/readjustment /conversion;
- g. Requisition and procurement of supplies, materials, equipment and others;
- h. Negotiation of contracts for services and goods;
- i. Signing and countersigning of checks; and
- j. Preparation and submission of financial reports.

B.4 Private School Regulations

- a. Grant authority to establish / operate new schools;
- b. Grant permits for operation of schools and summer classes;
- c. Approval of classes and teacher programs;
- d. Act/decide on problems and disputes arising from private school employment;