

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8525, February 14, 1998 ]**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN "ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM,"  
PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known and cited as the "Adopt-a-School Act of 1998."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to provide quality and relevant education to the Filipino youth and to encourage private initiative to support public education. Towards this end, the State shall institute programs to encourage private companies and enterprises to help in the upgrading and modernization of public schools in the country, particularly those in poverty-stricken provinces.

SEC. 3. *Adopt-a-School Program.* - There is hereby established the "Adopt-a-School Program" which will allow private entities to assist a public school, whether elementary, secondary, or tertiary, preferably located in any of the twenty (20) poorest provinces identified by the Presidential Council for Countryside Development or any other government agency tasked with identifying the poorest provinces in, but not limited to, the following areas: staff and faculty development for training and further education; construction of facilities; upgrading of existing facilities, provision of books, publications and other instructional materials; and modernization of instructional technologies.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) specifying the details of the adoption shall be entered into between the adopting entity and the head of the school concerned: Provided, That such MOA shall be subject to review and approval of the Superintendent of Schools of the province or district concerned: Provided, further, That the agreement shall last for at least two (2) years with the possibility of extension: Provided, finally, That such period may be shortened only in cases where the adopting entity is dissolved before the end of such period unless otherwise earlier terminated in accordance with the succeeding section.

SEC. 4. *Periodic Review.* - A review of the adoption shall be undertaken by the local school board of the province or city where the school is located. The standards and guidelines for the review shall be formulated by the Coordinating Council created under Section 7 hereof. The results of the review shall be taken into consideration in the assessment of the application for tax credits by the adopting entity. The school board may, after an appropriate review, recommend to the Coordinating Council the termination of the adoption. The adopting entity may appeal the assessment to the Coordinating Council whose decision shall be final and unappealable.