

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1247, June 09, 1955 ]**

**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. Section three of Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred thirty-six is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall distribute the annual allocation authorized under section one hereof as follows: sixty-five per centum to all congressional districts in proportion to the number of elementary school children not housed in permanent and semi-permanent school buildings and the remaining thirty-five *per centum* as additional share to congressional districts where the number of school children not housed in such buildings exceeds thirty-five per centum of the total number enrolled: *Provided*, That the share of each congressional district entitled thereto shall be determined by the Secretary of Education but shall be a percentage equal to at least one-half and not more than the ratio that the number of such children not housed in such buildings bears to the total number of public elementary school children in the congressional district: *Provided, further*, That any sum still remaining unallocated, after making the allocations as herein provided, shall be distributed in the discretion of the Secretary of Education particularly to cover any additional cost of constructing permanent school buildings in congressional districts located within the typhoon belt, and areas frequently visited by other calamities, upon certification by the division superintendent of schools of the particular congressional district. The President may authorize the use of this sum for the construction of pre-fabricated structural parts of schoolhouses and/or the purchase of Machineries to enable him to carry out plans for the pre-fabrication of schoolhouses. Children in rented buildings, in quonset huts, and in Parent-Teacher Associations buildings not owned by the government, shall be considered as not housed in permanent and semi-permanent school buildings.

"During the first fifteen days of each regular session of the Congress, the Secretary of Education shall submit a report of such allocation to the Congress, which shall contain in addition a recommendation of the public elementary school buildings in each congressional district which shall be constructed, reconstructed, improved and/or repaired as well as the amounts estimated for the execution of each of such projects based on the type of such buildings recommended for the locality. On the basis of such report, the Congress shall by law specify the public elementary