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HOUSE BILL NO. 166



Introduced by Honorable Constantino G. Jaraula

EXPLANATORY NOTE

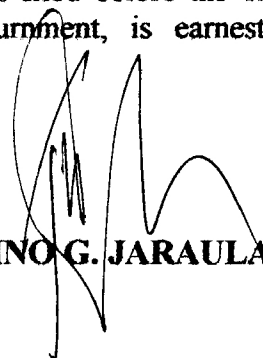
This Bill was filed with the 11th Congress as House Bill No. 7522 and the 12th Congress as House Bill No. 1192, with the following Explanatory Note:

“This Bill seeks to convert the Gusa National High School at Barangay Gusa, City of Cagayan de Oro, into a regional science high school for Region X.

“At present, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) has an existing policy of one(1) Regional Science High School for every region. While on the basis of its listing, the DECS recognizes the Gusa National High School as its Regional Science High School for Region X, the school itself as well as its personnel do not and cannot enjoy the benefits pertaining to a regional science high school, what with the added science subjects as preparatory for science courses for students, on top of regular subjects for secondary schools, without any formal act coming from Congress.

“This proposal is aimed at upgrading the present status of the Gusa National High School as aforementioned and to increase awareness among all students of Region X, and nearby provinces that there exists “Gusa Regional Science High School” for everyone who wants to develop his/her scientific knowledge, paving the way for a better foundation for their college courses in the future.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill, which was filed before the 12th Congress but was not acted upon at the time of its adjournment, is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE GUSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX AT
BARANGAY GUSA, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, INTO A REGIONAL
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUSA REGIONAL
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Gusa National High School Annex at Barangay Gusa, City of Cagayan de Oro, is hereby converted into a regional science high school, to be known as the Gusa Regional Science High School, hereinafter referred to as the High School, under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology.

SECTION 2. The High School shall offer a secondary course with special emphasis on subjects pertaining to the sciences and technology, with the end in view of preparing its students for a science and technology career.

SECTION 3. The Gusa Regional Science High School shall be governed by a Board of Trustees which shall be composed of:

- a) The Regional Director, Department of Science and Technology, Region X, Chairman;
- b) The Director of the Gusa Regional Science High School, Vice-Chairman;
- c) The Regional Director, Department of Education, Region X, member;
- d) The congressional representative of the district where the high school is located, member; and
- e) The Regional Director, National Economic and Development Authority, Region X, member.

SECTION 4. The Board of Trustees shall exercise for the Gusa Regional Science High School all the powers and prerogatives of the board of directors of a corporation. It shall also have the following powers and duties:

- a) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the High School;
- b) To approve appointments made by contracts entered into by the Director in connection with the employment of faculty members, lecturers, and other employees of the High School, subject to the provisions of Section 12 of this Act, to determine academic ranks, to fix compensation and other conditions of employment, and to remove them for cause in accordance with due process;
- c) To approve curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive Council as hereinafter provided;
- d) To provide fellowships for faculty members and approve the grant of scholarships, stipends and such allowances to deserving students;
- e) To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
- f) To provide its own rules of procedures and prescribe for the administration of the High School such general rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purpose of the High School as defined in Section 2 of this Act;
- g) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine for the benefit of the High School or for aid to any of its students; and
- h) To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among others, competitive examinations.

SECTION 5. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time of the meeting. The notice of meeting of the Board shall be served by the Director or the Secretary thereof.

SECTION 6. The members of the Board shall not receive compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in their attendance of meeting or for other official functions authorized by the Board.

SECTION 7. On or before the beginning of each school year, the Board of Trustees shall file with the Department of Science and Technology a detailed report setting forth the progress, condition, and needs of the High School.

SECTION 8. The High School shall be headed by a Director whose appointment shall be in accordance with prescribed civil service laws, rules and regulations. His compensation shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees. He shall not be removed from his position except for cause. His functions, powers and duties, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of a public high school.

SECTION 9. There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the Director, the heads of departments, and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the High School as may be determined by the Director.

The Council shall have the power to screen and select the students to be admitted to the High School; to select the students who shall be recipients of scholarships, stipends, and other allowances; and to develop the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline, all subject to the approval of the Board. The Council shall have exclusive power to recommend students eligible for graduation. Through the Director, it shall have disciplinary power over the students.

The Council shall implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board of Trustees and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

SECTION 10. There shall be a Registrar of the High School, who shall act as Secretary of the Board to be appointed by the Director with the approval of the Board of Trustees. He shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the Board.

SECTION 11. There shall be a Treasurer of the High School who shall be appointed by the Director with the approval of the Board of Trustees. All accounts and expenses shall be subject to the usual government auditing.

SECTION 12. The faculty members of the High School and other personnel holding academic positions shall be selected in accordance with such criteria as may be established by the Board of Trustees consistent with law which shall include, if necessary and practicable, screening and competitive examinations.

Said faculty members shall be exempt from the provisions of laws, rules and regulations on wage and position classification. The members of the school's administrative staff may be paid at rates higher than those of equivalent positions covered by laws on wage and position classification.

SECTION 13. All legacies, gifts and donations for the benefit of the High School or for its support and maintenance or aid to any of its students shall be tax exempt and shall be allowed deduction from the gross income of the donors. For the purpose of income tax, the High School shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes, fees, assessments, and other charges of the government, its branches and subdivisions.

SECTION 14. All income and donations to the High School created under this Act shall constitute a special fund to be known as the Gusa Regional Science High School Fund. This Fund shall be expended by the Board of Trustees exclusively for the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 15. The head of bureaus or offices of the National Government and their counterparts in Region X are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request by the Director of the High School, such apparatus, supplies and other properties as may be needed by the High School, and to detail employees to duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office, they can be spared without serious detriment to the public service.

The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required under such detail, and the time employed shall be counted as part of their regular official hours, all laws, rules and regulations limiting the detail of government employees notwithstanding.

Any officer or employee of the government whose services are required by the High School may receive a compensation in addition to his salary at the rate to be fixed by the Board of Trustees, subject to applicable laws and regulations on the matter.

SECTION 16. The Department of Science and Technology shall prescribe the curriculum and issue the rules and regulations necessary for the conversion of the Gusa National School into a regional science high school.

SECTION 17. The Gusa Regional Science High School shall start to offer science and technology subjects in the school year immediately following the approval of this Act.

SECTION 18. All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Gusa National High School are hereby transferred, to and absorbed by the Gusa Regional Science High School.

SECTION 19. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Gusa National High School. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Gusa Regional Science High School shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 20. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,