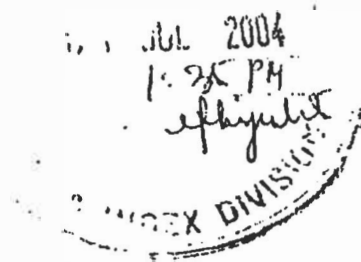


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HOUSE BILL NO. 285



Introduced by Representative Arrel R. Olaño

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was filed and approved during the Twelfth Congress under HB No. 1776 and was forwarded to the Senate for appropriate action, however, the same was not acted upon for reasons unexplained.

This bill seeks to convert Tagum National Trade School in the City of Tagum, Province of Davao del Norte into a college to be known as Tagum City College of Arts and Trades.

Since its establishment, the school has provided quality vocational and technical education to poor but deserving students not only in the Province of Davao del Norte but also to its neighboring provinces. The school provides human resource to small and medium size local industries. Its graduates are well equipped and qualified in their areas of specialization and Tagum National Trade School has been recognized as a functional technical/vocational-learning center.

The rapid development of science and technology requires that our students be given the necessary tool and education to meet these changes.

The conversion of the Tagum National Trade School into a College shall contribute to the development of Region XI and Mindanao in general; hence the early passage of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE TAGUM NATIONAL TRADE SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE INTO A COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Davao del Norte College of Technology Act".

SECTION 2. Conversion. The present Tagum National Trade School located in Tagum City, Province of Davao del Norte is hereby converted into a College of Technology to be known as the Davao del Norte College of Technology, hereinafter referred to as the College.

SECTION 3. Purpose. The College shall primarily provide secondary trade curriculum, post secondary curriculum, technical education and engineering technology. It shall also promote progressive leadership in the fields of trade, industrial and technological education as well as in advance industrial technology, arts, services, trades and home technology.

SECTION 4. Existing Personnel. In order to provide for the continuity and smooth functioning of the curricular programs of the College, the incumbent Vocational School Administrator of the Tagum National Trade School shall automatically become the Vocational College Superintendent upon the effectivity of this Act. All other officials, teaching and non-teaching personnel of Tagum National Trade School shall continue to exercise their duties and functions unless they shall have been appointed to new positions in the newly created College.

SECTION 5. Existing Assets and Other Facilities. All existing assets of the Tagum National Trade School such as, but not limited to, buildings, equipment, records and other physical facilities shall become the property of the College.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. The Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall immediately include in the Authority's program and issue such rules and regulations to operationalize the Davao del Norte College of Technology, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of Tagum National Trade School and thereafter in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall issue such implementing rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and after publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,