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HOUSE BILL NO. 540

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE FRED H. CASTRO

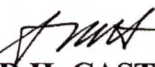
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1 of Article XIV of our 1987 Constitution provides that “the State shall protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all.” It further mandates “the State to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.”

Hence, this bill proposes to create a national high school to be located in Calapawan, Municipality of Dumarao, Province of Capiz. Like other remote areas, the province as well as its municipalities and barangays is deprived of facilities enjoyed by the more developed provinces because of the lack of government high schools in many of its municipalities and barangays. While it is true that there are private high schools, the fees that they charge are too exorbitant and prohibitive for most residents living in the area. As a result, most, if not all, of these private schools are threatening to close due to lack of enrollees and the high cost of operations.

Thereby, this proposed piece of legislation seeks to render justice to the residents by creating a national high school. Considering the vital role of education in advancing our country’s national growth and development, it is hopefully prayed for that this measure will upgrade the social and economic status of the area and help liberate the people therein from the chains of illiteracy and move them on to continuous progress.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of this bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALAPAWAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF DUMARAO, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ TO BE KNOWN AS THE
CALAPAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of a National High School. – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Calapawan, Municipality of Dumarao, Province of Capiz to be known as the Calapawan National High School.

SEC. 2. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Calapawan National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,