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HOUSE BILL NO. 549

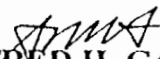
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, 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 education in the elementary and high school levels."

Accordingly, this bill proposes to create a national high school to be located in Poblacion, Municipality of Tapaz, Province of Capiz to be known as the Tapaz National High School. Like other remote areas, the province as well as its municipalities and barangays is deprived of facilities enjoyed by the more developed provinces. Notably, there is the lack of government high school in many of its municipalities and barangayas. While there are private high schools, the fees that they charge are too exorbitant and prohibitive for most residents. As a result, most, if not all, of these private schools are threatening to close due to lack of enrollees plus the high cost of operations. Hence, this proposed measure aims to do justice to the residents by creating a national high school. Considering the importance of education in bringing forth development, it is fervently hoped that this piece of legislation will upgrade the social and economic status of the area and help liberate the people therein from the chains of illiteracy and spur them to 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 POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF
TAPAZ, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAPAZ 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 Poblacion, Municipality of Tapaz, Province of Capiz to be known as the Tapaz National High School.

SEC. 2. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Tapaz 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,