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HOUSE BILL NO. 756



Introduced by: HON. HERMINIA M. RAMIRO

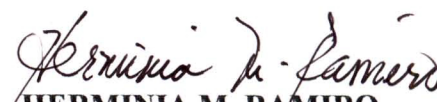
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The residents of Diwat, Buenavista in the Municipality of Bonifacio, Province of Misamis Occidental, had been clamoring for the establishment of a nationalized high school in the said area. As a concrete gesture to this popular clamor, the local government of the said municipality sought the intercession of the regional office of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Region X, which, after careful evaluation of the documents submitted approved the request provided, that the school's financial requirements be drawn from the local government's funds.

However, the present financial condition of the Municipality of Bonifacio cannot afford, in the long run to support the financial requirements for the maintenance and operation of a high school. This situation will greatly affect the student population of this high school, who are mostly from poor families. There is an urgent need therefore for the national government to assume the cost of operation and maintenance. Afterall, the Constitution mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. These mandates led to the enactment of Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Act of 1988". The government, in effect, assumes the responsibility of ensuring every Filipino youth, who has completed elementary education, to have access to secondary level of education through public high school.

The establishment therefore, of a national high school in Diwt, Buenavista, Municipality of Bonifacio, Province of Misamis Occidental, will not only be a concrete step to realize the noble intent of RA 6655 but also a timely gesture to the persistent calls of poor residents of this remote municipality, whose dire need of education has been barred by poverty.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN DIWAT, BARANGAY,
BUENAVISTA, MUNICIPALITY OF BONIFACIO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS
OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DIWAT 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. There shall be established a national high school in Diwat, Barangay Buenavista, Province of Misamis Occidental, to be known as the Diwat National High School.

SEC. 2. The Department of Education shall issue such rules as may be necessary to carry out the provision of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to implement the provision of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved,