

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 1193

Introduced by: HON. FELIX R. ALFELOR, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was filed with the Twelfth Congress as House Bill No. 6400 with the following explanatory note:

“The Constitution explicitly mandates the states 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. In pursuance of these expressed Constitutional mandates, Congress passed Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the **“Free Secondary Education Act of 1988”**. The government, in effect, assumes the responsibility of ensuring the Filipino youth, who has completed elementary education, to have access to secondary level education through public high school.

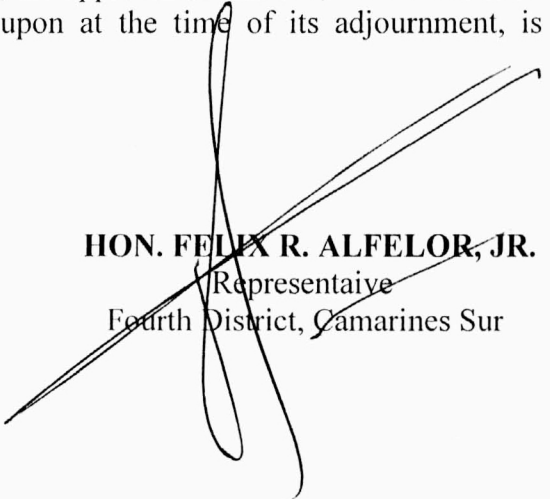
The present financial position of most local government units, including the Province of Camarines Sur, has severely affected the maintenance and operation of locally-funded high schools in their respective jurisdictions. There is therefore a great possibility that the present Victor Bernal High School in Barangay San Vicente Ogbon in Municipality of Nabua, Province of Camarines Sur will be closed to the detriment of the poor school children.

The conversion therefore, of the present Victor Bernal High School into a national high school will not only be a concrete step to realize the noble intent of RA 6655 but will also be a timely gesture to the persistent calls of poor residents of this barangay, whose dire need for education has been barred by poverty.”

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

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE VICTOR BERNAL HIGH SCHOOL, IN BARANGAY SAN VICENTE OGBON, MUNICIPALITY OF NABUA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A NATIONAL 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 present Victor Bernal High School in Barangay San Vicente Ogbon, Municipality of Nabua, Province of Camarines Sur, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as Victor Bernal National High School.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education (DepED) shall implement the provision of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect its approval.

Approved,