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House Bill No. 1219

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to institutionalize the opening of Night High School classes using existing high school and elementary school facilities throughout the country.

The purpose of this bill is to address the recurring problem of lack of school buildings and other facilities and teachers for public secondary education. Because of the lack of secondary schools, the number of out-of-school youth and dropouts has increased.

The opening of night high school using existing high school and elementary school facilities will lessen the burden on the national government, in particular the Department of Education, in funding the opening and operations of secondary schools. At the same time, night high school program will give the opportunity to those people who, for some viable reasons, have not timely taken or finished their secondary education at the prescribed period.

By using existing high school and elementary school facilities, the Department of Education will be able to open a high school almost immediately because the infrastructure is already available. And by using existing teachers of existing high school in the area to teach in the evening, the government will be able to save large amount of funding because Night High School classes will tap day time teachers who do not have full load to teach part time in night classes.

This bill endeavors to attain the vision that every Filipino youth shall have access to quality education.

Approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPENING OF NIGHT CLASSES USING EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY 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 night school classes using the existing elementary and high school facilities all over the country. Initially, at least one night high school shall be established in each Congressional District.

SEC. 2. All public elementary and high schools shall open their school facilities to be used for the establishment of night high school classes.

SEC. 3. The night high school shall offer general secondary education proper following the approved curriculum of the Department of Education.

SEC. 4. The night high school shall be open to all qualified students.

SEC. 5. The teachers of the night high school shall be paid compensation not less than that provided in Republic Act No. 4670 (The Magna Carta for Public School Teachers) and other existing laws, computed on a hourly basis and taking into account such premium compensation rates provided by law for night time service and overtime work.

SEC. 6. The Department of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act shall be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, letters of instructions, letters of implementation, rules and regulations or part or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions or any provisions of this Act, are hereby amended, modified, repealed or superseded insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of any of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,