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House Bill No. **1646**

Introduced by the **Honorable Edmundo O. Reyes, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

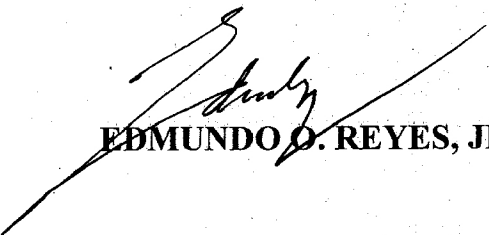
As a prelude, it is important to note that this bill is a reproduction of House Bill 451, which was already approved by the Education Committee in the Senate and its Committee Report was pending for signature by the members of the said Committee during the 12th Congress.

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. It likewise mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

This bill proposes to establish the Poctoy National High School in the Municipality of Torrijos, Province of Marinduque in keeping with the government's major educational thrust at improving the accessibility of basic education to the masses of our people. Accessibility in basic education can be largely attained through the establishment of schools in far-flung areas making it possible for the rural youth to avail of the free secondary educational program of the government.

The Municipality of Torrijos has rough mountainous terrain making accessibility a problem. With the phase-out of the Marinduque State College (MSC) High School in Torrijos, many secondary students will be displaced and may turn to other schools in neighboring municipalities. The establishment of Poctoy National High School will accommodate these school children needing to avail of the government's free secondary education program that will transform them to be productive and effective citizens of their community.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POCTOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF TORRIJOS, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the Department of Education, the Poctoy National High School in the Municipality of Torrijos, Province of Marinduque.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the establishment of the Poctoy National High School shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Poctoy National High School shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.