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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1692

Introduced by Hon. Marcelino C. Libanan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate and convert the Alugan School of Craftmanship and Home Industries (Nena Annex High School) in the Municipality of San Julian from the Alugan School of Craftmanship and Home Industries in the Municipality of San Policarpo, both of which are in the, Province of Eastern Samar, into a national high school to be known as the Nena National High School. This is in accordance with the DECS Order No. 5 Series of 1989 and Republic Act No. 6655. This is also in line with the objective of the State "to provide equal opportunities for high school education to all the children of the Philippines regardless of birth or economic status".

While Nena Annex High School is located in the Municipality of San Julian, it was created under a special law, with its employees having permanent appointment from the principal down to the clerks with funding coming from the national government. This school is offering a complete secondary education program, but still under the direct supervision and control of the Alugan School of Craftmanship and Home Industries, which is a much smaller special technical school located in another municipality of Eastern Samar, San Policarpo. While valiantly taking on the overwhelming task of educating a great number of young adults in the locality, there is a need for it to become a separate and autonomous high school because Nena Annex High School is offering a general secondary education program, and the one supervising and in control of its administration is a specialized vocational-technical school. Thus, there is a need for the Nena Annex High School to be completely separated and independent from the Alugan School of Craftmanship and Home Industries. Also, there is a serious difficulty in the matter of supervision by a lone school principal where the Alugan School of Craftmanship and Home Industries (San Policarpo) is about 75 kilometers apart to the Nena Annex High School (San Julian).

With the creation of a new and separate Nena National High School, it is expected that the physical and laboratory facilities of the now Nena Annex High School will improve, and teachers will be better paid and the need of the school will be promptly addressed due to the reduced bureaucratic red tapes.

Considering that it is the policy of the State to provide a free public secondary education to all qualified citizens and to promote quality education to all as declared by Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Law." The separation and conversion of the Nena Annex High School into a national high school is a most welcome development for the people of San Julian and its adjacent municipalities in Eastern Samar.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the early approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.

HON. MARCELINO C. LIBANAN

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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE ALUGAN SCHOOL OF CRAFTMANSHIP AND HOME INDUSTRIES (NENA ANNEX HIGH SCHOOL) IN BARANGAY NENA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JULIAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR FROM THE ALUGAN SCHOOL OF CRAFTMANSHIP AND HOME INDUSTRIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN POLICARPO, AND CONVERTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NENA 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. The Alugan School of Craftmanship and Home Industries (Nena Annex High School) in the Municipality of San Julian, Province of Eastern Samar, is hereby separated from the Alugan School of Craftmanship and Home Industries in the Municipality of San Policarpo, and converted into a separate and independent national high school to be known as the Nena National High School.

SECTION 2. The school shall offer general secondary education proper. It shall also offer relevant courses to cultivate technical and vocational skills of the youth and as maybe authorized by the Department of Education.

SECTION 3. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Alugan School of Craftmanship and Home Industries (Nena Annex High School) are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Nena National High School.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective conversion and operation of the school.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,