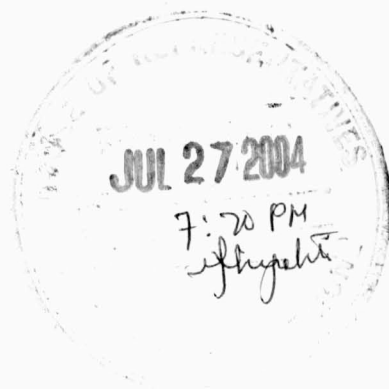


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HOUSE BILL NO. 1781



Introduced by: **REP. PROSPERO A. PICHAY, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the year 1968, through the Barangay High School Program and the efforts of its concerned citizens and barangay officials, a barangay high school was created in barangay Sto. Niño, municipality of San Agustin. The school was named Sto. Niño Barangay High School.

In the course of its operation, the school encountered the usual problems of inadequacy in funds, which translated to meager salary for the teachers and a shortage in the number of classrooms and basic school facilities.

In its desire to provide a quality of education that is at par with the demands of its studentry, the Sto. Niño Barangay High School opted to become a satellite school of the Surigao del Sur Institute of Fisheries (SSIFA) Lianga, which is at present the Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College (SSPSC).

Republic Act Number 8628 which provides for the conversion of the Surigao del Sur Polytechnic College into a state college also mandates that the satellite schools not serving as laboratory schools of the College of Education of the college campuses shall be turned over to the supervision of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS).

On June 11, 1999, the SSPSC Lianga Campus at Sto. Niño was turned over to the DECS but it could not retain its name by virtue of Republic Act No. 8628. As a newly turned over school to the DECS, the SSPSC Lianga Campus at Sto Niño already had its own appropriation since 1984 but due to the absence of its name in the General Appropriations Act (GAA), its financial transactions has been handled by the DECS Regional Office in Butuan City.

This bill which seeks to provide identity and independence to this institution is a basic requirement to avail of the benefits from the Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP) of DECS which shall ultimately translate to the delivery and achievement of quality education.

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


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE (SSPSC) LIANGA CAMPUS IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STO. NIÑO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion into a National High School.* – The Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College (SSPSC) Lianga Campus in Barangay Sto. Niño, Municipality of San Agustin, Province of Surigao del Sur, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Sto. Niño National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College (SSPSC) Lianga Campus are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Sto. Niño National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Sto. Niño National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Education and thereafter in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,