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HOUSE BILL 2176

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Introduced by the Honorable Elias C. Bulut, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Quality education is a major cornerstone in the development of an effective, efficient and productive human resource, which in turn is itself a major piece in the attainment of genuine development, especially for marginalized and impoverished provinces such as the Province of Apayao.

With the end goal of providing quality basic education to the people of Apayao, the provincial leadership has been exerting aggressive efforts towards the establishment of learning institutions in strategic places within the different municipalities so as to meet the continuously increasing the demand for educational services in these towns.

In line with such efforts is what this bill seeks---the establishment of a national agricultural and trade high school at Brgy. Allig, in the municipality of Flora, Province of Apayao, which was identified as one of the strategic areas for a secondary educational institution in said municipality. The establishment of a secondary institution in the said barangay would not only serve to help the existing high schools in the municipality cope up with the growing demand for educational services, but more importantly, it serves to provide a more accessible alternative to these schools for a considerable number of students from the barangays immediately adjacent to Allig, but which are of a considerable distance form the existing high schools.

Considering that the municipality of Flora is the one of the bigger agricultural producers of the province, the proposed high school would undoubtedly serve to contribute to over-all development of the sector. The curriculum to be offered to the students will equip them with the skills and techniques that would prepare them for higher and more advanced studies in agriculture and trade especially if they plan to pursue degrees in such field.

In consideration of the above, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

ELIAS C. BULUT, JR.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL IN BRGY. ALLIG, MUNICIPALITY OF FLORA, PROVINCE OF APAYAO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALLIG NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. *Establishment of National Agricultural and Trade High School.* There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national agricultural and trade high school in Barangay Allig, Municipality of Flora, Province of Apayao to be known as the Allig National Agricultural and Trade High School.

Section 2. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of Allig National Agricultural and Trade High School, the funding of whish shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.