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HOUSE BILL No. 4427



Introduced by Rep. JOEL G. VIRADOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

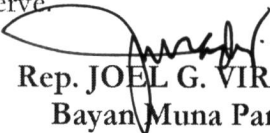
Diwat National High School (DNHS) is located in Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental. Its name is a misnomer because it is only an extension of the Bonifacio National High School (BNHS) which is 10 kilometers away. The fund for its operation relies mainly on the share it gets from the budget of its mother school and secondarily, from the meager allocation provided by the local government of Bonifacio.

From less than a hundred students in years past, DNHS is now home to more than 400 students who are attended to by less than a dozen teachers. This number is expected to increase come the opening of school year 2005-2006 and every school year thereafter. This is because DNHS is the only public high school in the area and serves as a practical destination for new elementary school graduates in the nearby elementary school. There are other high schools in the municipality but they are 10 kilometers away from Barangay Buenavista and are run by private institutions.

DNHS has seven sub-standard classrooms except for the newly-constructed two-classroom school building built through the initiative of Bayan Muna Party-list. The others are dilapidated and are not conducive for learning. The chairs, tables and other school furniture are brought by the students themselves. Otherwise, they will be forced to stand while listening to lectures. The school also has no library.

If DNHS is transformed into a real national high school, this situation will be reversed. By giving it the necessary budget, it will be able to procure the needed education materials and technology essential for the students' education. By converting it into a national high school, DNHS will be given the opportunity to raise higher the skills and abilities of its teachers to make them better qualified. And this is what the Constitution provides.

With this aspiration, this representation requests the immediate passage of this bill to give the students of Diwat National High School the quality education they deserve.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING DIWAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AN ANNEX OF THE
BONIFACIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AT BARANGAY BUENAVISTA,
BONIFACIO, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

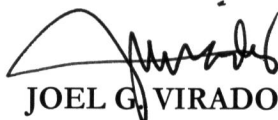
SECTION 1. There shall be established an independent national high school from the Bonifacio National High School, under the direct supervision of the Department of Education, in Barangay Buenavista, Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental, to be known as the Diwat National High School.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,


JOEL G. VIRADOR
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