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HOUSE BILL NO. 1780



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

Explanatory Note

During the 1960's, secondary education in barangay Gamut, municipality of Tago seems to be impossible. Only very few parents could send their children to the towns of Tandag and Tago where secondary schools exist. It was only in 1968 when the first institution offering secondary education came to exist in Gamut. Through the initial effort of its townsfolk and the cooperation and support of the Barangay Council, the Gamut Barangay High School was established. It was the barangay of Gamut that shouldered the salaries of the teachers until the time when the complete secondary education was offered.

Through the course of its operation, the school has repeatedly faced threats of closure because of the usual problems besetting barangay high schools. The lack of teachers, incomplete facilities and insufficient funds necessary for the school's development were just some of the crucial issues encountered by the barangay officials in ensuring the school's continued existence.

On June 24, 1983, Batas Pambansa Bilang 619 was approved, allowing for the integration of four (4) schools namely: SNAS in Carromata, San Miguel; San Miguel Municipal High School in Poblacion, San Miguel; Bayabas Municipal High School in Bayabas and Gamut Barangay High School in Tago, into one agricultural school to be known as Tago River Valley Institute of Agriculture (TARVIA) with its mother school in Carromata.

With the continued shifting of educational standard from TARVIA to SSPSC, and by virtue of section 2 of Republic Act 8628, the SSPSC-TARVIA Gamut Campus was placed under the supervision of the Department of Education.

To give identity to this learning institution and to further strengthen its mandate of providing quality secondary education, this bill seeks to rename the SSPSC-TARVIA Gamut Campus into Gamut National High School

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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE BRANCH OF SURIGAO DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE-TARVIA GAMUT CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GAMUT 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 branch of Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College - TARVIA Gamut Campus in the Municipality of Tago, Province of Surigao del Sur is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Gamut National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the branch of Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College - TARVIA Gamut Campus in the Municipality of Tago are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Gamut National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Gamut 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,