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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 552



Introduced by HONORABLE LANI MERCADO-REVILLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17 provides:

“The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”

Further, Article 14, Section 1 mandates:

“The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”

The City of Bacoor developed into a site of commerce and industry, as shown by the growth of the trade, banking and service sectors. Commercial activities are sporadic throughout the City, ranging from wholesale to retail establishments, restaurants and eateries, hardware and construction supplies and other service-related industries.

The primary source of livelihood are salt production, fishing, oyster and mussel culture, which are now being threatened to near extinction because of pollution and overpopulation. Moreover, Bacoor is currently experiencing a rapid shift from an agriculture based economy to a residential/commercial urban center.

Thus, it is imperative that appropriate education will be provided through a curriculum that will properly address the needs of the locality. In as much as commerce and industry play vital roles for the progress of a locality, it is likewise essential to give utmost importance in preserving and strengthening their livelihood as an alternative source of income.

To respond to the demands of the modern times, technical vocational courses like information technology, caregiving/caregiver, tailoring, food processing, massage therapy, beauty care, commercial cooking, carpentry, food and beverage services, baking and pastry production, plumbing, automotive servicing and the like should be given priority. No doubt technical skills education will move the country forward as this is a means to spur employment and boost family income.

The creation of an arts and trade school will effectively equip graduates with basic livelihood skills and knowledge which will enable young learners to become economically independent at an earlier age consequently developing its local and human resources.

It is the obligation of the State to provide a complete, adequate and integrated quality education to the youth because of their vital role in nation-building.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARTS AND TRADE SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS 2, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE,
TO BE KNOWN AS BACOR ARTS AND TRADE 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 an Arts and Trade School. – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, an arts and trade school in Barangay San Nicolas 2, City of Bacor, Province of Cavite to be known as The Bacor Arts and Trade School.

SEC. 2. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the San Nicolas 2 Arts and Trade School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,