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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 734



Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to institutionalize the opening of Night High School classes using existing high school and elementary school facilities throughout the country. The purpose of this bill is to address the recurring problem of lack of school buildings and other facilities and teachers for public secondary education. Because of the lack of secondary schools, the number of out-of-school youth and dropouts has increased. The opening of night high school using existing high school and elementary school facilities will lessen the burden on the national government, in particular the Department of Education (DepEd) in funding the opening and operations of secondary schools. At the same time, it will give the opportunity for more students to study and finish secondary education. It will also give the opportunity to working students, married couples, and over-age Filipinos to finish secondary education.

This measure was previously filed by Senator Manny Villar in the 15th Congress. Approval of this bill is earnestly sought now in the 16th Congress.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPENING OF NIGHT CLASSES USING
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OVER THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established night school classes using the existing elementary and high school facilities all over the country. Initially, at least one night high school shall be established in each Congressional District.

SEC. 2. All public elementary and high schools shall open their school facilities to be used for the establishment of night high school classes.

SEC. 3. The night high school shall offer general secondary education proper based on the Department of Education (DEPED) approved curriculum.

SEC. 4. The night high school shall be open to all qualified students.

SEC. 5. The teachers of the night high school shall be paid compensation not less than that provided in Republic Act No. 4670 (The Magna Carta for Public School Teachers) and other existing laws, computed on a hourly basis and taking into account such premium compensation rates provided by law for night time service and overtime work.

SEC. 6. The DEPED shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 8. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,