

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1052**



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**Introduced by HON. FELIX WILLIAM B. FUENTEBELLA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The purpose of education is to provide an individual with knowledge, skills, competence and desirable qualities of behavior to render him fit for the duties of life.

Education is imperative that it now has been enshrined in the Constitution mandating the State not only to make education accessible to all but to uphold the right of all citizens to quality education. In pursuance of this explicit constitutional mandate, Congress passed Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the Free Secondary Education Act.

The bill seeks to convert the Villafuerte-Pena High School in barangay Ponglon, San Jose, Camarines Sur into a national High School to be known as the Ponglon National High School with the desire of promoting quality education as envisioned by the Constitution. The Municipality of Goa does not have sufficient funds to support the needs of the school and its increasing number of students, hence, the school and its students are currently suffering from lack of facilities, materials and qualified faculty that are fundamental in promoting quality education. There is an urgent need, therefore, to pass the burden to the national government if only to pursue the constitutional mandate of promoting the right of citizens to quality education.

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

  
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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE VILLAFUERTE-PENA HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PONGLON, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PONGLON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1. *Conversion into a National High School.*** The Villafuerte-Pena High School in Barangay Ponglon, Municipality of San Jose, Province of Camarines Sur is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as Ponglon National High School

**SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.*** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Villafuerte-Pena High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Ponglon National High School.

**SECTION 3. *Appropriations.*** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Ponglon National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 4. *Implementation.*** The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

**SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

***Approved,***