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HOUSE BILL NO. **1695**



Introduced by **REP. PHILIP A. PICHAY**

Explanatory Note

For more than thirty years, Barangay Parang in the Municipality of Cantilan has prided itself not only as the town's largest barangay but also host to a secondary school which provides quality education to over five hundred students every year.

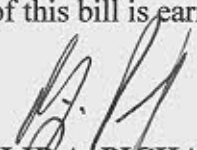
The said secondary school is the Parang Campus of the Surigao del Sur Institute of Technology (SSIT) which was originally established as Parang Barangay High School in 1965. It was converted to and renamed as Municipal High School of Cantilan in 1976 and subsequently annexed to the Cantilan School of Arts and Trade in 1983 when the latter was converted to what is known today as SSIT.

In spite of its status as a satellite school however, the school continued to suffer financial setbacks and thus relied heavily on the Parents, Teachers and Community Association (PTCA) – which has really been the driving force of the school since its inception.

The Commission on Higher Education has been no help at all when, in 1996, it directed tertiary institutions to phase down its secondary enrolment to a maximum of 500 students and prohibited those not offering education courses to phase out their secondary school programs.

Such a predicament does not come easy to a secondary school whose students do not come from Barangay Parang alone but from neighboring barangays as well such as Cabas-an, Buntallid, Parang, Bugsukan, Tigabong, Calagdaan and even Patong-patong of the Municipality of Madrid.

In the light of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BRANCH OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY IN BARANGAY PARANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CANTILAN,
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE PARANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion into a National High School.* The branch of Surigao del Sur Institute of Technology in Barangay Parang, Municipality of Cantilan, Province of Surigao del Sur, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Parang National High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the branch of Surigao del Sur Institute of Technology in Barangay Parang, Municipality of Cantilan are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Parang National High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Esperanza 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 such rules and regulations as 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 or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,