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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2070



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE TOBIAS "TOBY" M. TIANGCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

To give our youth quality education is the key to our nation's progress. Hence, the provision of our Constitution that *"[T]he 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."* (Section 1, Article XIV, 1987 Philippine Constitution)

Further, reducing poverty and illiteracy are among the Philippines' commitment under the Millenium Development Goals ("MDG"). In keeping with this commitment, the Department of Education (DepEd) adopted the K-12 Basic Education Curriculum.

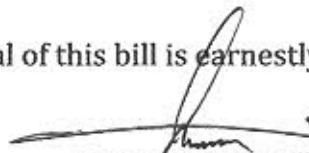
In addition, to achieve our commitment under the MDG thereto, there is a need to upgrade and realign the seemingly mismatched skills learned in and/or produced by educational institutions vis-à-vis the requirements of the labor sector.

The administrators of the San Rafael National High School ("SRNHS") being keenly aware of the priority agenda of the Aquino Administration that education is a long-term solution to reduce poverty, refocused their efforts to boost the talent, ingenuity and technological know-how of their students, particularly in facilitating technology transfer in various vocations.

SRNHS now aims to offer relevant specialization that will prepare their students to meet the needs of the industry and the community it aims to serve. Among others, it implemented programs aimed to widen their students' knowledge in various vocations and improve their aptitude through the use of relevant and updated equipment and machinery.

It is for this reason that San Rafael National High School's conversion to San Rafael Technological and Vocational High School will best help continue its contribution in giving their students relevant specializations and improvement of their skills in various vocations by boosting their efforts in the administration and financial aspects.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF
NAVOTAS INTO A TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE SAN RAFAEL TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL 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. The San Rafael National High School in the City Navotas is hereby converted into a technical and vocational school to be known as "San Rafael Technological and Vocational High School".

SECTION 2. The Technological and Vocational High School, in addition to the *conventional education currently offered*, shall provide relevant and in-demand vocational and technical instruction and training, particularly in technological and industrial concerns, in keeping with the socio-economic needs of the City and the Department of Education's K-12 program.

SECTION 3. The San Rafael Technological and Vocational High School shall continue to employ all personnel, preserve all records and assume all assets, including liabilities, of San Rafael National High School.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department Program the operationalization requirements of the San Rafael Technological High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,