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HOUSE BILL NO. 3011

Introduced by Representative REGINA ONGSIAKO REYES
Lone District, Marinduque

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. It likewise mandates the State to establish and to maintain a system of free education both in the elementary and high school levels. It is in this light that this Bill proposes to nationalize the Sihi annex campus of the Buenavista National High School, in keeping with the government's major educational thrust of improving the accessibility of basic education by establishing schools in remote and far-flung areas for rural youth to avail of free secondary educational program.

The Sihi annex campus was established in June 2002 to accommodate the hundreds of graduates of elementary schools located in Sihi and nearby barangays in that remote part of the municipality. This is to ensure the continuing availment of our youth of free secondary education, unhampered by the prohibitive cost of transportation on top of school-related expenses, especially since the area is a considerable distance from the Poblacion where the Buenavista NHS is located. The presence of a National High School therefore provides for convenience in terms of time and financial management for both students and their parents.

Standing on a half-hectare lot acquired by the Barangay Council, the Sihi annex of the Buenavista NHS has four classrooms being used by a total of 155 enrolled students for 2013 - 2014. Nationalizing the Sihi annex therefore and making it independent from the mother campus is expected to open opportunities for introducing infrastructure improvements, generating employment and business opportunities for the locals, and boosting the morale of the whole community. It will also allow the awarding of more teaching items to the school which will certainly benefit the students.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
NATIONALIZING THE SIHI ANNEX OF THE
BUENAVISTA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BUENAVISTA,
MARINDUQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIHI NATIONAL HIGH
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 National High School. There is hereby established under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Sihi, Municipality of Buenavista, Province of Marinduque to be known as the Sihi National High School.

Sec. 2. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Sihi National High School, funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 3. Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Sec. 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

APPROVED.