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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6216



Introduced by Representative Rodrigo A. Abellanos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Many of our youth are out of school due to financial constraints. Thus, the government's efforts in providing free access to basic and higher education through our public schools. However, free tuition does not solve the problem for many of our poverty-stricken youth. Not only can they not afford school fees, they also cannot afford their day-to-day expenses which compel them to find employment instead of pursuing school. Foregoing their education, however, means that they do not further develop the skills to seek better jobs. Thus goes the cycle of poverty.

This bill seeks to institutionalize the opening of night high school classes, thereby increasing their accessibility to those whose days are otherwise occupied trying to earn a living, while optimizing the use of existing elementary and high school facilities.

Our economy's growth depends largely on our people. Let us enable our youth so that they will become more productive citizens of our nation.

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

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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPENING OF NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES
USING EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL AND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established night high school classes using the existing elementary and high school facilities all over the country. Initially, at least one (1) 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, otherwise known as "The Magna Carta for Public School Teachers", and other existing laws, computed on an hourly basis and taking into account such premium compensation rates 21 provided by law for night time service and overtime work.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The DepEd shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. Funding. - 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. Separability Clause. - If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree, executive order, or issuance, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,