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House Bill No. 6520



Introduced by: **Rep. EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

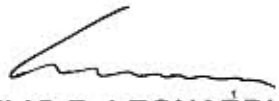
The Philippines is committed to achieving its Education for All (EFA) goals for the personal growth and development of each Filipino as well as for the social and economic progress of the country.

K to 12 Basic Education Program was passed as a law in 2012, to promote early childhood education which fundamentally reforms the basic education curriculum. It provides for additional two years of the four-year high school program. This will be called Senior High School (SHS). Grade 11 (High school Year 5) is introduced in SY 2016-2017, Grade 12 (High School Year 6) in SY 2017-2018. In reality some of our public schools are not yet equipped with enough materials and facilities for the implementation of the additional two year program.

One such school in need of such improvement is Emiliano Lizares National High School in Bacolod City. The present campus building of the ELNHS is insufficient to provide students with the additional two years in senior high school. For the school year 2013-2014, Emiliano Lizares had 1,416 students enrolled. This makes the school a big school, with 1,166 more students than the average school and about the average number 1,316 of students enrolled in Bacolod City. Presently, there are 1, 447 students officially enrolled. Most of them come from the 32 haciendas of Granada and the neighbor barangays.

To remedy the situation and provide accessible quality education, it is imperative that the campus be improved in facilities, additional buildings be constructed and provide for additional subjects and electives to cater the needs of the students.

As such, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTING
CLASSROOMS FOR EMILIANO LIZARES NATIONAL HIGHSCHOOL,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "ELNHS Educational Expansion Act of 2016.

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the declared policy of the State to recognize the role of the youth in nation building and to give priority to education science, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

The quality education must be made accessible especially to those who are less fortunate who have the potential to improve themselves and their status in life. Education is not only for those who can afford but to all those who are willing to learn, strive and hopes to improve for the future.

The Emiliano Lizares National High School is hereby authorized to purchase materials and construct additional classrooms within the school grounds of ELNHS in Bacolod City for the incoming senior high school students for the additional two years in high school as mandated by law. It is in pursuant to the ELNHS educational expansion act to cater the needs of their students.

Section 3. *Budget.* The amount needed for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the DepED. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. *Repealing Clause.* Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation, contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 6. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,