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House Bill No. **1839**



Introduced by Representative Wilton “Tonton” T. Kho

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION,
MUNICIPALITY OF PIO V. CORPUZ, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE SEVERINO P. ARELLANO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take necessary and appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. The Constitution likewise mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

Currently, the underprivileged youth residing in the Municipality of Pio V. Corpuz and adjoining municipalities in the province of Masbate are deprived of the constitutionally mandated access to a free and quality education. Thus, to give life to the constitutional mandate, this bill seeks to establish a National High School in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Pio V. Corpuz, Province of Masbate to be known as Severino P. Arellano Memorial National High School.

The establishment of the proposed High School will give the youth residing in the target communities the opportunity to liberate themselves from illiteracy and eventually upgrade their social and economic status without compromising their safety and well-being.

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


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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of a National High School.* - There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Pio V. Corpuz, Province of Masbate, to be known as the Severino P. Arellano Memorial National High School.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the establishment, operationalization, and maintenance of the High School, the 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. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,