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HOUSE BILL NO. 3550



Introduced by REP. FAUSTINO 'BOJIE' G. DY III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. Further, arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations.

In line with these policies, it is important to inculcate in the Filipino youth an appreciation for the arts and to provide them the means to hone their artistic talents. The proposed Cauayan City High School for the Arts will help realize these objectives.

By creating the Cauayan City High School for the Arts, the youth of Cauayan and the neighboring towns will have a school where they can develop their artistic capabilities with the help of proper training and facilities. Moreover, the specialized training the students will receive from professionals will be complemented with a strong academic curriculum that can enable them to enter any field of study or profession they may choose upon graduation. Nonetheless, their exposure to the arts will hopefully give them a strong drive to pursue a career in the creative sector.

The Philippines has produced many world-famous artists through the years. The government must remain committed to providing an environment that nurtures the next-generation of Filipino artists.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CAUAYAN CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE
ARTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. — It is the declared policy of the State to foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.

To this end, the State shall promote the sustained development of young Filipinos whose aptitude and skill in culture and the arts shall be properly encouraged and honed through education and specialized training programs. The State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education and training to encourage the artistic talent and cultural aptitude of the Filipino youth as well as support and promote the development of young artists nationwide.

SECTION 2. Establishment of the Cauayan City High School for the Arts. — There is hereby established in the City of Cauayan a specialized public high school that shall offer arts-focused education, to be known as the Cauayan City High School for the Arts, herein referred to as the School.

The School shall be administered and supervised by the Department of Education (DepEd), in close coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP). The NCCA and CCP shall provide policy direction and technical assistance to the School through the DepEd Regional Office - 2 (Cagayan Valley) and Schools Division Office of Cauayan City.

SECTION 3. Mandate. — The School shall implement a general secondary education, as prescribed by Republic Act No. 10533, or the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013”, to students with considerable potential in the arts. The school curriculum shall have significant emphasis on developing the talent, skill, and exceptional giftedness of students, thereby nurturing potential artists while preserving and promoting Filipino heritage.

SECTION 4. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. — The organizational structure and staffing pattern of the School shall be prescribed by the DepEd, subject to the approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

SECTION 5. Authority to Receive Donations and Grants. — The School’s Principal may receive grants, bequest, endowments, donations and contributions made to the School, to be used actually, directly and exclusively by the School, subject to compliance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. Development Plan and Organizational Structure. — Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the School shall accomplish the following:

- (a) Submit a five-year development plan, including its corresponding budgetary program to the DepEd for endorsement to the DBM; and
- (b) Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, subject to the qualification standards set by the DepEd.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. — The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the DepEd in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the DepEd shall, in coordination with the NCCA, CCP, and the local government of the City of Cauayan, promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,