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HOUSE BILL No. 1445



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE JOCELYN F. FORTUNO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE


The Victor Bernal Provincial High School in Barangay San Vicente Ogbon, Nabua, Camarines Sur has been in operation for the past eleven (11) years. In more than a decade of its existence, it has already produced board passers in Nursing, Teachers and Engineering Licensure Examinations. These are certainly tangible proofs that the school is very much qualified as a secondary school.

It is quite unfortunate however, that this secondary school has only two (2) teaching items provided by the Department of Education despite the fact that based on analysis from the DepEd Planning Unit, it still needs eight (8) more teachers. This is a sad reality that the local government unit of Camarines Sur cannot provide no matter how urgent the needs be due to financial constraints.

It is therefore the paramount objective of this bill to convert the Victor Bernal Provincial High School into a national high school so that the national government can adequately provide what the school needs given the circumstances. So many pupils from poor families have enrolled in this school due to economic reasons and convenience.

The Constitution explicitly guarantees access to elementary and secondary education and this must not be denied to the schoolchildren in this remote area.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE VICTOR BERNAL PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY SAN VICENTE OGBON, NABUA, CAMARINES SUR INTO A
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE VICTOR BERNAL
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion into a National High School.* - The Victor Bernal Provincial High School in Barangay San Vicente Ogon, Municipality of Nabua, Province of Camarines Sur is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Victor Bernal National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* - All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Victor Bernal Provincial High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Victor Bernal National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Victor Bernal National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Victor Bernal National High School. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,