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HOUSE BILL NO. 2261



Introduced by Representative GENARO M. ALVAREZ, JR.

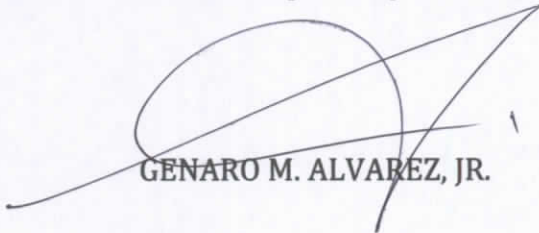
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Gil Montilla National High School - Camindangan Annex in Barangay Camindangan, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental, from its mother school, the Gil Montilla National High School, and convert it into a separate and independent National High School to be known as the Camindangan National High School.

Barangay Camindangan is one of the biggest and farthest barangay from the city proper of Sipalay, and has a population of 7,264. Due to its mountainous terrain, it takes several minutes or even hours to go to school. In 1987 an annex of the Gil Montilla National High School, located 10 kilometers away, was established in Barangay Camindangan. Today the said Annex has 987 enrolled students, 37 teachers and 17 classrooms. Being a barangay with a very large area, the said Annex even opened extension campuses in some of the barangay's sitios. It has been 32 years since the time the said Annex was established, yet it is still attached to its mother school. It is burdensome for teachers and personnel to travel from their mother school to its satellite extension schools and said annex has not received the financial assistance it needs.

This proposed measure aims to do justice to the residents and teachers by establishing an independent national high school to cater their educational needs. Considering the role of education in spurring development, this measure will enhance the socio-economic development of the area and encourage the youth to seek a different goal into achieving a career which is noble in intention and modern in means and insights.

In this light, I am filing this bill to recognize and give life to the Constitutional Right of every Filipino to quality education and make such education accessible to all. Furthermore, given its importance, the bill is most respectfully submitted and requested for early approval.


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AN ACT SEPARATING THE GIL MONTILLA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CAMINDANGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY CAMINDANGAN, CITY OF SIPALAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM THE GIL MONTILLA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CAMINDANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Gil Montilla National High School – Camindangan Annex, in Barangay Camindangan, City of Sipalay, Province of Negros Occidental is hereby separated from the Gil Montilla National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Camindangan National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Gil Montilla National High School – Camindangan Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Camindangan National High School.

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

SEC. 4. Within one hundred twenty (12) days after the approval of this act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines