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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 365

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Higher and Technical Education on 30 AUG 2017

Re : **House Bill No. 6283**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3885 and 5454.

Sponsors : Representatives Durano, Hofer, Escudero and Zarate

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Higher and Technical Education to which were referred House Bill No. 3885 introduced by Rep. Evelina G. Escudero, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
DECLARING THE SEVENTEENTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR  
AS NATIONAL STUDENT LEADER’S DAY”**

and House Bill No. 5454, introduced by Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY  
YEAR AS THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ DAY, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6283, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY  
YEAR AS NATIONAL STUDENTS’ DAY”**

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3885 and 5454, with Reps. Escudero, Zarate, Durano, Hofer, De Venecia, Go (M.), Ortega (P.), Sandoval, Castro (F.L.), Violago, Lobregat, Cagas, Antonio, Bandigan-Bautista, Elago, Arenas, Marquez, Cuaresma, Gonzaga, Belaro, Bordado, Gonzales (A.D.), Bolilia, Gonzalez, Manalo and Labadlabad as authors thereof.

**ANN K. HOFER**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Higher and Technical Education

Respectfully submitted,

**RAMON “RED” H. DURANO VI**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6283**

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 3885 and 5454)

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Introduced by Representatives Escudero, Zarate, Durano, Hofer, De Venecia, Go (M.), Ortega (P.), Sandoval, Castro (F.L.), Violago, Lobregat, Cagas, Antonio, Bandigan-Bautista, Elago, Arenas, Marquez, Cuaresma, Gonzaga, Belaro, Bordado, Gonzales (A.D.), Bolilia, Gonzalez, Manalo and Labadlabad

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**AN ACT**  
**RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY**

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "National Students' Day Act."  
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3 **SEC. 2.** Pursuant to Article II, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is the policy  
4 of the State to value the dignity of every human person and to guarantee full respect for  
5 human rights.  
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7 The State recognizes the value of inculcating love of country and social responsibility among  
8 the youth, and supports the observance of International Students' Day which was  
9 spearheaded by the International Students' Council in 1941 to commemorate the execution of  
10 nine (9) Czechoslovakian students who fought against the Nazi occupation.  
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12 **SEC. 3.** In accord with the observance of International Students' Day, and in recognition of  
13 the invaluable contribution of student activism to Philippine democracy for initiating efforts  
14 to foster leadership among Filipino students, November 17 of every year is hereby declared  
15 as National Students' Day.  
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17 **SEC. 4.** An annual program of activities for the observance of National Students' Day shall  
18 be prepared and implemented with the National Youth Commission (NYC) serving as the  
19 lead agency. The Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall  
20 support the NYC in all efforts to facilitate and promote related activities to all public and  
21 private schools.  
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23 All schools, colleges and universities are encouraged to extend their full support for exercises  
24 and activities launched by students during the observance of National Student's Day.  
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26 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official  
27 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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29 Approved,

**House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department**

**FACT SHEET**

**House Bill No. 6283**

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 3885 and 5454)

As Approved by the Joint Committees on 22 May 2017

**NATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY ACT**

*Introduced by: REPS. ESCUDERO AND ZARATE*

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)*

*Committee Chairperson: REP. RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI*

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Secondary)*

*Committee Chairperson: REP. ANN K. HOFER*

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To recognize the contribution of student activism to Philippine democracy

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Declares November 17 of every year as National Students' Day in recognition of the observance of the International Students' Day
- Mandates the celebration and observance of National Students' Day through an annual program of activities to be headed by the National Youth Commission in coordination with the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education
- Encourages all schools, colleges and universities to extend their full support for relevant exercises and activities to be launched by the students during the observance of National Students' Day

**RELATED LAW:**

- The 1987 Philippine Constitution