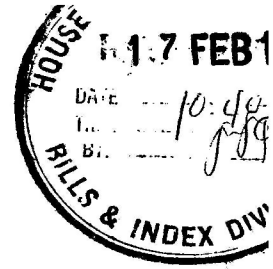


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 7554

Introduced by Honorable Ferdinand R. Marcos II

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The objective of R.A. No. 6054, otherwise known as the Barrio High School Charter, was "to provide equal opportunities for high school education to all children of all the people of the Philippines regardless of birth or economic status". This law was recommended by the National Board of Education in its Resolution No. 42, s. 1968 for the reason "that there are more than five million Filipino youth of high school age who should be given this opportunity in order to raise the average national education level beyond Grade VI".

At this point and time, the objective and rationale for the enactment of R.A. No. 6054 is still true and very much valid. In fact the five million figure above may have doubled or even tripled by now.

Of the few barrio high schools established under the aegis of said R.A. No. 6054, majority of them are in the brink of folding up for financial reasons. This is particularly true because these schools are supposed to be supported principally by tuition fees paid by the students. And it is common knowledge that the barrio folk are among the poorest of the poor.

In view of the foregoing considerations, this representation is strongly seeking for the conversion of certain barrio high schools in the Municipality of Espiritu, Province of Ilocos Norte, and their integration into, a national high school, to be known as the Espiritu National High School, with the hope that, as one of the schools to be supported by the national government, it will be given the necessary financial impetus for its continued operation and delivery of educational services to the people of Espiritu.

Passage of this bill is thus earnestly requested.


HON. FERDINAND R. MARCOS II

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AN ACT
CONVERTING CERTAIN BARRIO HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ESPIRITU, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS
NORTE, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE ESPIRITU 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. The Caestebanan Barrio High School Catagtaguen Barrio High School and the Caribquib Barrio High School are hereby converted into a national high school, to be known as the Espiritu National High School.

SEC. 2. The Espiritu National High School shall offer general secondary education proper. It shall also offer technical-vocational courses and other relevant courses to carry out its objectives.

SEC. 3. The main school and each of its units or branches shall be headed either by a Principal or Secondary School Head Teacher to be chosen in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Education Culture and Sports.

SEC. 4. All personnel of the schools affected herein shall be transferred to or absorbed by the Espiritu National High School. Where a personnel is not absorbed because of duplication of duties and functions, the former shall be deemed separated but he shall be given all the benefits due him under existing laws.

SEC. 5. All assets, liabilities, records and existing appropriations of said barrio high schools are hereby consolidated and transferred to the Espiritu National High School.

SEC. 6. The funds necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the current fiscal year of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. Thereafter such sum or sums shall be included in the annual appropriation of the department.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,