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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to institutionalize the opening of Night High School classes using existing high school and elementary school facilities throughout the country.

The purpose of this bill is to address the recurring problem of lack of school buildings and other facilities and teachers for public secondary education. Because of the lack of secondary schools, the number of out-of-school youth and dropouts has increased.

The opening of night high school using existing high school and elementary school facilities will lessen the burden on the national government, in particular the Department of Education (DepEd) in funding the opening and operations of secondary schools. At the same time, it will give the opportunity for more students to study and finish secondary education. It will also give the opportunity to working students, married couples and over-age Filipinos to finish secondary education.

By using existing high school and elementary school facilities, the DEPED will be able to open a high school almost immediately because the infrastructure is already available. And by using existing teachers of existing high school in the area to teach in the evening, the government will be able to save large amount of funding because Night High School classes will tap day time teachers who do not have full load to teach part time in night classes.

With this, the vision of the Education Department that every Filipino youth shall have access to quality education would be realized.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPENING OF NIGHT CLASSES USING  
EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITIES ALL  
OVER THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established night school classes using the existing elementary and high school facilities all over the country. Initially, at least one night high school shall be established in each Congressional District.

SEC. 2. All public elementary and high schools shall open their school facilities to be used for the establishment of night high school classes.

SEC. 3. The night high school shall offer general secondary education proper based on the Department of Education (DEPED) approved curriculum.

SEC. 4. The night high school shall be open to all qualified students.

SEC. 5. The teachers of the night high school shall be paid compensation not less than that provided in Republic Act No. 4670 (The Magna Carta for Public School Teachers) and other existing laws, computed on a hourly basis and taking into account such premium compensation rates provided by law for night time service and overtime work.

SEC. 6. The DEPED shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 8. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,