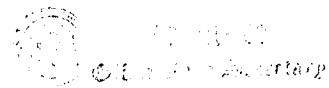


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 85 

Submitted by the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education on
MAY - 5 2020

Re: Senate Bill No. 1216

Recommending its approval without amendments, taking into consideration House
Bill No. 4851.

Sponsor: Senator Joel Villanueva

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education, to which was referred
Senate Bill No. 1216, introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva, entitled:

**"AN ACT
DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION
DAY"**

Taking into consideration, House Bill No. 4851, introduced by Reps. Rufus B.
Rodriguez, et.al., entitled:

**"AN ACT
DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION
DAY"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report Senate Bill No. 1216 back to the Senate, with recommendation that it be approved without amendment, taking into consideration House Bill No. 4851.

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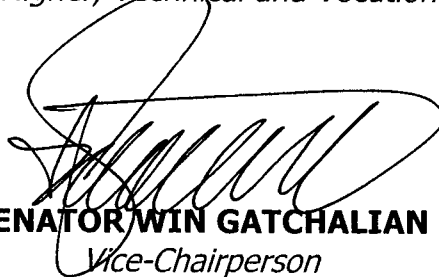
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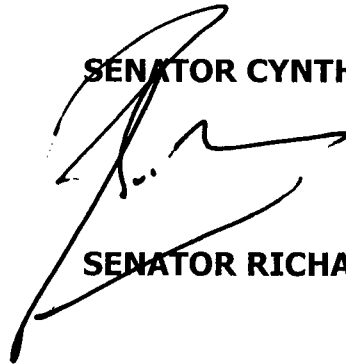
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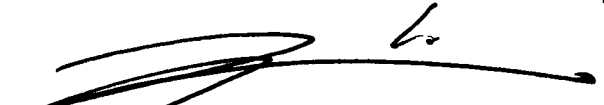
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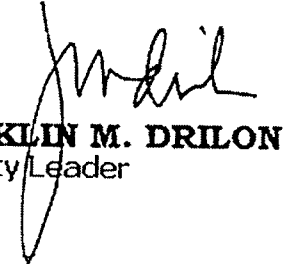
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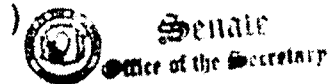


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S. B. NO. 1216

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Introduced by **SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA**

**AN ACT DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL
HIGHER EDUCATION DAY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Following the recommendation of the Congressional Commission on Education to Review and Assess Philippine Education (EDCOM) in 1991, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED or Commission) was created by virtue of Republic Act No. 7722 or the Higher Education Act of 1994 to be the agency primarily responsible for public and private colleges and universities. Signed on May 18, 1994 by then President Fidel V. Ramos, the Higher Education Act of 1994 reiterates the policy of the State to "protect, foster and promote the right of all citizens to affordable quality education at all levels and [to] take appropriate steps to ensure that education [is] accessible to all."¹

Since its establishment in 1994, the Commission has played a big role in developing human resources, bridging the gap between the skills set of the Filipino workforce and the demands of the employers, and ensuring that the country's higher education system is locally responsive yet globally competitive.

This bill seeks recognize the valuable role that the Commission has played for over 25 years in the country's development by declaring May 18th of every year as the "National Higher Education Day" in commemoration of the signing of the law creating the Commission.

The immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought


SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA

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Introduced by **SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA**

**AN ACT DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE
NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION DAY**

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

- 1 **SECTION 1. National Higher Education Day.** – The eighteenth (18th) day of May of
- 2 every year is hereby declared as the "National Higher Education Day" in
- 3 commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Commission on Higher Education
- 4 (CHED).
- 5
- 6 To ensure a meaningful observance of this special working day as herein declared,
- 7 all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-
- 8 owned-and-controlled corporations, local government units, public and private
- 9 educational institutions, employers in the private sector, and industry associations,
- 10 shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their students or
- 11 employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of
- 12 their schools, offices or establishments in celebration of the "National Higher
- 13 Education Day."
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- 15 **SEC. 2. Lead Agency.** – The CHED shall be the lead agency in charge of the
- 16 preparation and implementation of an annual program of activities and advocacy
- 17 campaign for the observance of the "National Higher Education Day."
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- 19 All higher education institutions shall also provide full support and assistance to the
- 20 preparation of the annual program of activities and events to be conducted by CHED
- 21 in observance of the event pursuant to this Act
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- 1 **SEC. 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
- 2 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation,
- 3 whichever comes earlier.
- 4
- 5 **Approved,**



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4851

BY REPRESENTATIVES RODRIGUEZ, GO (M.), DUJALI, UMALI (M.V.),
QUIMBO, FORTUNO, ESCUDERO, BARBA, ONG (J.), VALMAYOR,
BABASA, NOLASCO, ACOP, YAP (E.), LARA, LOYOLA, GULLAS,
TAMBUNTING, BORDADO, JIMENEZ, SAULOG, YU,
MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, PANOTES, ELAGO, GORRICETA, TY,
ABUNDA, SUANSING (E.), REVILLA, DAZA, JAVIER, REYES AND
AGABAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 31

AN ACT DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL
HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "National Higher
2 Education Day".

3 SEC. 2. The eighteenth (18th) day of May of every year is
4 hereby declared as "National Higher Education Day" in
5 commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Commission on
6 Higher Education (CHED). This recognizes the immense
7 contribution of higher education to poverty alleviation and national
8 development, especially in developing human resources, bridging
9 the gap between the skills set of the Filipino workforce and the
10 demands of the employers, creating jobs, and facilitating inclusive
11 growth and sustainable development.

12 SEC. 3. The CHED shall be the lead agency in charge of the
13 preparation and implementation of an annual program of activities

1 and advocacy campaign for the observance of the "National Higher
2 Education Day".

3 SEC. 4. All heads of government agencies and
4 instrumentalities, including government-owned and -controlled
5 corporations, local government units, public and private educational
6 institutions, employers in the private sector, and industry
7 associations, shall encourage and afford sufficient time and
8 opportunities for their students or employees to engage and
9 participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their
10 schools, offices or establishments in celebration of "National Higher
11 Education Day".

12 All higher education institutions are mandated to provide full
13 support and assistance to the preparation of the annual program of
14 activities and events to be conducted by the CHED in the
15 observance of the event pursuant to this Act.

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

Approved,

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