



S E N A T E

S. No. 1216

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR 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.* –
2 The eighteenth (18th) day of May of every year is
3 hereby declared as the “National Higher Education
4 Day” in commemoration of the founding anniversary
5 of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

6 To ensure a meaningful observance of this
7 special working day as herein declared, all heads of
8 government agencies and instrumentalities, including
9 government-owned and -controlled corporations, local

1 government units, public and private educational
2 institutions, employers in the private sector, and
3 industry associations, shall encourage and afford
4 sufficient time and opportunities for their students or
5 employees to engage and participate in any activity
6 conducted within the premises of their schools, offices
7 or establishments in celebration of the “National
8 Higher Education Day”.

9 SEC. 2. *Lead Agency.* – The CHED shall be the
10 lead agency in charge of the preparation and
11 implementation of an annual program of activities
12 and advocacy campaign for the observance of the
13 “National Higher Education Day”.

14 All higher education institutions shall also
15 provide full support and assistance to the preparation
16 of the annual program of activities and events to be
17 conducted by CHED in observance of the event
18 pursuant to this Act.

1 SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect
2 fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
3 *Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
4 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,