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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 31

SEP 26 2019

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on _____.

Re: House Bill No. **4851**

Recommending its approval in substitution of HB No. 3744

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go and Rufus B. Rodriguez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to which was referred:

House Bill No. 3744, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

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

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **4851**, entitled:

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

be approved in substitution of HB No. 3744 and with Representatives Rufus B. Rodriguez, Mark O. Go, Alan “Aldu” R. Dujali, Ma. Victoria V. Umali, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Jocelyn F. Fortuno, Evelina G. Escudero, Angelo Marcos Barba, Jose “Jun” L. Ong, Jr., Gerardo P. Valmayor, Jr., Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr., Ramon C. Nolasco, Jr., Resurreccion M. Acop, Eric Go Yap, Joseph L. Lara, Dahlia A. Loyola, Eduardo R. Gullas, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Cesar “Jawo” L. Jimenez, Jr., Irene Gay F. Saulog, Divina Grace C. Yu, Ruth Mariano-Hernandez, Marisol C. Panotes, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Michael B. Gorriceta, Diego C. Ty, Maria Fe R. Abunda, Estrellita B. Suansing, Strike B. Revilla, Paul R. Daza, Lolita T. Javier, Allan Benedict S. Reyes and Ruth Mariano-Hernandez as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK O. GO
Chairperson
Committee on Higher and Technical
Education

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4851
(In Substitution of HB No. 3744)

Introduced by REPS. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ, MARK O. GO, ALAN "ALDU" R. DUJALI, MA. VICTORIA V. UMALI, STELLA LUZ A. QUIMBO, JOCELYN F. FORTUNO, EVELINA G. ESCUDERO, ANGELO MARCOS BARBA, JOSE "JUN" L. ONG, JR., GERARDO P. VALMAYOR, JR., LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR., RAMON C. NOLASCO, JR., RESURRECCION M. ACOP, ERIC GO YAP, JOSEPH L. LARA, DAHLIA A. LOYOLA, EDUARDO R. GULLAS, JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING, GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR., CESAR "JAWO" L. JIMENEZ, JR., IRENE GAY F. SAULOG, DIVINA GRACE C. YU, RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, MARISOL C. PANOTES, SARAH JANE. I. ELAGO AND MICHAEL B. GORRICETA, DIEGO C. TY, MARIA FE R. ABUNDA, ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING, STRIKE B. REVILLA, PAUL R. DAZA, LOLITA T. JAVIER, ALLAN BENBEDICT S. REYES AND RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

AN ACT
DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIGHER
EDUCATION 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 "National Higher Education Day."

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

10 **SEC. 3.** The CHED shall be the lead agency in charge of the preparation and
11 implementation of an annual program of activities and advocacy campaign for the
12 observance of the "National Higher Education Day".

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

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

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

Approved,

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. ~~4851~~ In Substitution of HB No. 3744

(As approved by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on September 9, 2019)

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

Introduced by: **REPS. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ and MARK O. GO**

Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
(Primary)**

Chairperson: **REP. MARK O. GO**

OBJECTIVES:

- To give importance to the role of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the manpower from the higher education sector in the country's progress
- To recognize the contribution of higher education to poverty alleviation and national development, especially in developing human resources, creating jobs, bridging the gap between the skills set of the Filipino workforce and the demands of the employers, and facilitating inclusive growth and sustainable development.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Declares the eighteenth day of May, which is the date of the signing into law of the CHED Charter, as "National Higher Education Day"
- Mandates all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities local government units, public and private educational institutions, employers in the private sector, and industry associations to encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their offices or establishments in celebration of the "National Higher Education Day"
- States that the CHED shall be the lead agency in charge of the preparation and implementation of the annual program of activities and advocacy campaign for the observance of the "National Higher Education Day"

RELATED LAW:

- Republic Act No. 7722 (Higher Education Act of 1994)