COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 731

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Higher and Technical Education on January 31, 2021.

Re: House Bill No. 8586

Recommend its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6288.

Sponsors: Reps. Romulo and Go (M.)

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Higher and Technical Education to which was referred House Bill No. 6288, introduced by Rep. Braeden John Q. Biron, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE 24TH OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION" IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND MANDATING ITS OBSERVANCE

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8586, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR A NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 6288, with Reps. Biron, Romulo and Go (M.) as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8586
(In substitution of House Bill No. 6288)

Introduced by Representatives Biron, Romulo and Go (M.)

AN ACT
DECLARING THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR A NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “National Education Day Act.”

SEC. 2. The State gives priority to education given its importance in empowering people and transforming lives. The State also recognizes that education fosters patriotism and nationalism, accelerates social progress, reduces inequalities, and promotes total human liberation and development.

To provide the citizenry wider access to basic and functional education, the State continues to undertake improvements in the quality of learning especially in education programs for the children and the youth, guided by the goal of molding a well-informed citizenry whose knowledge and skills are vital to the achievement of a more peaceful and sustainable future for all.

SEC. 3. In recognition of the crucial role of education in national development, and in accord with the United Nations’ observance of the International Day of Education, the twenty-fourth (24th) day of January of every year is hereby declared “National Education Day”.

SEC. 4. To promote the observance of National Education Day, an annual program of activities shall be prepared and implemented by the Department of Education, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and Presidential Communications Operations Office.

All public and private schools, colleges, and universities are encouraged to extend their full support and participation to relevant activities during the observance of the National Education Day.

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

Approved,
House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department  

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House Bill No. 8586  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 6288)  

NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY  

Introduced by: REPS. BIRON, ROMULO AND GO (M.)  

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)  
Committee Chairperson: REP. ROMAN T. ROMULO  
Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Secondary)  
Committee Chairperson: REP. MARK O. GO  

OBJECTIVE:  

• To recognize the key role played by education in building sustainable and resilient societies  

KEY PROVISIONS:  

• Declares January 24 of every year a National Education Day in recognition of the observance of the International Day of Education  

• Promotes the annual observance of National Education Day to be implemented by the Department of Education, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and Presidential Communications Operations Office  

• Encourages all public and private schools, colleges and universities to extend their full support and participation to relevant activities during the observance of National Day of Education  

RELATED LAW:  

• The 1987 Philippine Constitution