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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Eighteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4504



Introduced by Representative Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was previously filed as House Bill (H.B.) No. 1469 in the 16th Congress and as H.B. No. 1541 during the 17th Congress. Both bills were referred to the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

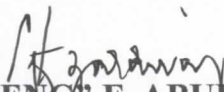
This bill aims to provide the youth of Barangay Labog in the Municipality of Sofronio Española, Province of Palawan, access to quality secondary education by converting the Panitian National High School – Labog Annex into a separate and distinct national high school from the Panitian National High School, to be known as LABOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Panitian National High School – Labog Annex presently obtains its funding for operations from its mother school, the Panitian National High School. The continuous increase in the number of enrollees of Labog Annex shows that students recognize the tremendous value of education in shaping the future and alleviating poverty. Moreover, in order for the school to function effectively and efficiently, a regular source of funds every school year must be sufficient. It can only be realized by making it a distinct institution and funding therefor included in the annual General Appropriations Act. Furthermore, the separation and conversion into a national high school will improve the administration of both Labog Annex and Panitian National High School in terms of addressing the needs of its students.

The Labog Annex High School was issued permit to operate by the Regional Director of Region IV-B, Department of Education, pursuant to the request of local government officials of Sofronio Española, Palawan, after compliance with necessary requirements therefor.

This bill is recommended for approval, consistent with Article XIV Section One of the 1987 Constitution which mandates that, "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

In accordance with the State's policy of providing quality education for its citizens, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT

**SEPARATING THE PANITIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LABOG ANNEX
IN BARANGAY LABOG, MUNICIPALITY OF SOFRONIO ESPAÑOLA,
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM THE PANITIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS LABOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Panitian National High School – Labog Annex in Barangay
Labog, Municipality of Sofronio Española, Province of Palawan is hereby separated from
the Panitian National High School and converted into an independent national high school
to be known as Labog National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Panitian National High
School – Labog Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Labog National High
School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s
program the operationalization of the Labog National High School, the initial funding of
which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the Panitian National
High School – Labog Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation
of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **SEC. 4.** Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the
2 Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the
3 provisions of this Act.

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

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8 *Approved,*