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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**

First Regular Session

House Bill No. 5858

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*Introduced by* **Representative SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO**

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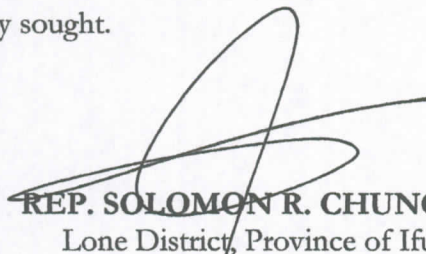
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill was originally filed as House Bill No. 2396 in the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) Congress and re-filed as House Bill No. 1111 in the seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Congress.

Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. It clearly provides that the State shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.<sup>1</sup>

Despite having two (2) district engineering offices, the geographic terrain still poses challenges to travel from one place to another within the province of Ifugao. Some areas can hardly be reached due to road conditions frequently affected by landslides and soil erosions. Travellers would take minutes and even hours to reach a destination such as schools. Teachers and staff are hindered by these geographic constraints to travel from their mother school to its satellite extension or annex school. This proposed bill aims to do justice not just to these personnel but also to the residents by establishing an independent National High School. This measure is crucial to promote quality education in the municipality of Alfonso Lista which is essential for its socio-economic development and to encourage the youth to pursue education and prevent them from going to the wrong path.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**REP. SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO**  
Lone District, Province of Ifugao

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<sup>1</sup> The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines. <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/constitutions/the-1987-constitution-of-the-republic-of-the-philippines/the-1987-constitution-of-the-republic-of-the-philippines-article-xiv/>



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**AN ACT**  
**SEPARATING THE STA. MARIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN**  
**BARANGAY POTIA, MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO LISTA, PROVINCE OF**  
**IFUGAO FROM STA. MARIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT**  
**INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS**  
**POTIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
**THEREFOR**

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

**Section 1. Separation and Conversion into a National High School** – The Sta. Maria National High School Extension in Barangay Potia, Municipality of Alfonso Lista, Province of Ifugao is hereby separated from the Sta. Maria National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as **Potia National High School**.

**Section 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities** – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Sta. Maria National High School Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Potia National High School.

**Section 3. Appropriations** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Potia National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Sta. Maria National High School Extension and thereafter it shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 4. Implementation** – The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectively carry out the purpose of this Act.

**Section 5. Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette,

*Approved,*