

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **3571**



Introduced by Honorable FREDERICK W. SIAO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Tomas Cabili National High School – Sta. Elena Annex (TCNHS – Sta. Elena Annex) situated in Barangay Sta. Elena, Iligan City, from its mother or administrative school, the Tomas Cabili National High School (TCNHS), and converting it from an annex school into an independent national high school to be known as the Sta. Elena National High School (SENHS).

The passage of this proposed measure is intended to address the need for a more functional, independent and financially stable secondary school and to promote an accessible, affordable and quality education for all secondary students in the above-mentioned Barangay and its adjacent Barangays. Indeed, accessibility to quality and affordable education that extends to the poorest of the poor has been one of the national government's thrusts in eradicating poverty as it is henceforth provided by way of the passage of this bill.

This bill was approved by the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture during the Fifteenth (15th) Congress as House Bill No. 3565 and was refiled again as House Bill No. 2336 during the Sixteenth (16th) Congress.

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


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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE TOMAS CABILI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL — STA. ELENA ANNEX (TCNHS — STA. ELENA ANNEX) FROM ITS MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE TOMAS CABILI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (TCNHS), AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STA. ELENA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (SENHS) 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. The Tomas Cabili National High School — Sta. Elena Annex (TCNHS —Sta. Elena Annex) in Barangay Sta. Elena, Iligan City, is hereby separated from the Tomas Cabili National High School (TCNHS) and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Sta. Elena National High School (SENHS).

Sec. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Tomas Cabili National High School — Sta. Elena Annex (TCNHS — Sta. Elena Annex) are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Sta. Elena National High School (SENHS).

Sec. 3. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Education (DepEd) the operationalization of the Sta. Elena National High School (SENHS), the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Tomas Cabili National High School (TCNHS). Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 4. Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,