

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Seventeenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1541

Introduced by Hon. Frederick F. Abueg

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was previously filed as House Bill No. 1469 in the 16th Congress and was 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

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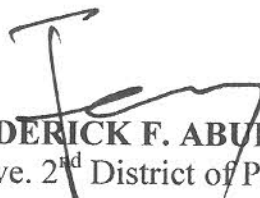
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One of the 1987 Constitution which mandates that, "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

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
CONVERTING THE PANITIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LABOG
ANNEX IN BARANGAY LABOG, MUNICIPALITY OF SOFRONIO
ESPANOLA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN INTO A SEPARATE AND
DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE PANITIAN NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS LABOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Separation and Conversion into a National High School. -*

2 The Panitian National High School – Labog Annex in Barangay Labog,
3 Municipality of Sofronio Española, Province of Palawan, is hereby converted
4 into a separate and distinct national high school from the Panitian National High
5 School, to be known as Labog National High School.

6 **SEC. 2.** *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets,
7 liabilities and records of the Panitian National High School - Labog Annex are
8 hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Labog National High School.

1 **SEC. 3. Appropriations.** -The funds necessary for the continued operation
2 and maintenance of the Labog National High School shall be included in the
3 General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and
4 thereafter.

5 **SEC. 4. Implementation.** – The Secretary of Education shall issue such
6 rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

7 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
8 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general
9 circulation.

10 *Approved,*