

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4507



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was previously filed as House Bill (H.B.) No. 1566 in the 16th Congress and as H.B. No. 1544 during the 17th Congress. Both bills were referred to the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture.


This bill seeks to convert the Tarusan National High School – Sarong "Extension" located in Barangay Sarong, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan, into a separate and distinct national high school from the Tarusan National High School, to be known as SARONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Tarusan National High School - Sarong Extension presently obtains its funding for operations from its mother school, the Tarusan National High School. The continuous increase in the number of enrollees 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 Sarong Extension and Tarusan National High School in terms of addressing the needs of its students.

The Sarong Extension 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 Bataraza, 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 TARUSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SARONG
EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SARONG, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA,
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM THE TARUSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS SARONG 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 Tarusan National High School – Sarong Extension in Barangay
Sarong, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan is hereby separated from the
Tarusan National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be
known as Sarong National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Tarusan National High
School – Sarong Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Sarong National
High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s
program the operationalization of the Sarong National High School, the initial funding of
which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the Tarusan National
High School – Sarong Extension. 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,*