

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

18<sup>th</sup> Congress

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 585**



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Introduced by Representative **ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to separate the Tabuk City National High School- Bantay Extension in Barangay Bantay, City of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga from its mother school the Tabuk City National High School and convert it into a separate and independent national high school to be known as Bantay National High School. This is a refiled bill from the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress which has reached the Senate but has not been enacted into law due to time constraints.

The Tabuk City National High School- Bantay Extension has been in existence for five years now. It was opened to cater to indigent high school students from Barangay Bantay and its nearby barangays who are mostly beneficiaries of the Pantawid Program and financially incapable of going to schools far from their barangays. At present the school has a student populace of 125 with eight teachers. The school site was acquired through a deed of donation and accessible to all forms of vehicle transportation. Due to the increase of population in Barangay Bantay and nearby barangays, there is an indication that student enrollees will grow in the coming years. In fact, it was projected that in five years' time, student population would increase to 347. This is based from the number of students graduating from the five catchment primary schools. Furthermore, the Barangay Local Government Unit of Bantay has committed to support the school with the grant of financial assistance for the implementation of school's programs, projects and activities. This goes to say that the whole community is supportive of the school and backs its quest to become an independent national high school.

With the conversion of Tabuk City National High School- Bantay Extension into an independent national high school, the capability of the school as catalyst of change will be boosted. It is a generally accepted fact that better accessibility to education will not only improve the economic life of the people but even their social and political conditions. As the government is brought closer to the people in this part of the country, our children are also drawn further away from the dangerous clutches of insurgency, juvenile delinquency, crimes, ignorance and poverty.

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

  
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**AN ACT SEPARATING TABUK CITY NATIONAL HIGHSCHOOL-BANTAY  
EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BANTAY, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA  
FROM THE TABUK CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN  
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANTAY 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 Tabuk City National High School- Bantay Extension in Barangay Bantay, City of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga is hereby separated from the Tabuk City National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Bantay National High School.

**SECTION 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Tabuk City National High School- Bantay Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Bantay National High School.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Bantay National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Tabuk City National High School-Bantay Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act within One Hundred Twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

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

Approved.