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

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by Honorable Nestor B. Fongwan, Sr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to nationalize the Ampusongan National High School - Kayapa Annex in Barangay Kayapa, Bakun by separating it from its mother school, the Ampusongan National High School Main which is located in Barangay Ampusongan, Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet.

The school was established through the initiative of the Provincial Government and Department of Education - Benguet in 2011 for the purpose of accommodating high school students in this part of Benguet. The absence of a secondary school at that time left high school students from this remote place with no other options but to negotiate a three (3) to four (4) hours of rigorous hiking downhill every Monday and Friday to Alilem, Ilocos Sur where the nearest secondary school is located; while some others come to La Trinidad and Baguio City to continue their high school studies. Moved with compassion and in compliance with the constitutional mandate for the state to establish a system of free public education in the high school level, the provincial government loss no time in establishing the Ampusongan National High School-Kayapa Annex.

Starting with just a few enrolment during the first year, its present student population has now increased, owing to the return of former residents and families who left the place for opportunities outside, but are now convinced of the potential progress of Kayapa due to the presence of roads networks which eventually connected this place to the lowland municipalities of Alilem, Sugpon and others. In fact, the past situation of high school students from Kayapa studying in Alilem and in Sugpon was reversed as some high school students from these places instead come up to Kayapa for their high school education.

In order to ensure and sustain the much needed budget allocation in anticipation of its continuing expansion and growth, the conversion of Kayapa High School Annex into an independent national high school has become imperative.

Approval of this bill is, therefore, earnestly urged.

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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE AMPUSONGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-KAYAPA ANNEX IN BARANGAY KAYAPA, MUNICIPALITY OF BAKUN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, SEPARATING IT FROM ITS MOTHER SCHOOL, THE AMPUSONGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KAYAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Ampusongan National High School Annex in Barangay Kayapa, Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Kayapa National High School.

Sec. 2. The amount necessary for implementation of this Act shall be charged from the appropriation of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such sums necessary for the operation and maintenance of said school shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.

HON. NESTOR B. FONGWAN, SR. Province of Benguet