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House Bill No. 4064



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EXPLANATORY NOTE


Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution asserts 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.”

Education and Training Center School I (ETCS I) Extension in Barangay 16, City of Bacolod, Province of Negros Occidental is a three-storey, 36-classroom school that offers primary education and is the fourth campus of the Education and Training Center Schools. The said institution is worth P 39 million and was the first to be constructed in the country on a “50-50” scheme with the national government through the Department of Education (DepEd) between the year 2012-2013 to address the looming problem of classroom shortage at the time. The City Government of Bacolod built its 24-classroom share while the Department of Education has erected 12 classrooms so far, with 12 more expected to be provided. At the time it was built, DepEd stated that the building can benefit at least 1,620 elementary pupils in the City of Bacolod.

Contemporarily, Bacolod City, now on its 80th year, still does not have a public primary school that bears the name of the city. Most of public schools in Bacolod are named either after its barangay, a hero, or the lot donor. ETCS I has also become a significant institution in Bacolod City providing quality and accessible elementary education to close to two thousand less fortunate children. For the betterment of its facilities and services in pursuit of protecting and

promoting the right of all citizens to quality education and for valid cultural, historical, and educational reasons, the school must be converted, renamed, and must ascertain budget from the national government separate from the allocation for the Education and Training Center Schools.

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



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**AN ACT
SEPARATING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER SCHOOL I
EXTENSION, IN BARANGAY 16, CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING
CENTER SCHOOLS AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BACOLOD CITY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Bacolod City Elementary School Act of 2019”.

SECTION 2. *Separation and Conversion Into An Elementary School.* – The Education and Training Center School I (ETCS I) Extension in Barangay 16, City of Bacolod, Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby separated from the Education and Training Center Schools and converted into an independent elementary school to be known as Bacolod City Elementary School.

SECTION 3. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of ETCS I Extension are hereby transferred to, and absorbed by, Bacolod City Elementary School.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall include the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act in the budget and program of the Department of Education in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* — Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,