

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2589

Introduced by: Representative Gil "Kabarangay Jr." A. Acosta

AN ACT SEPARATING THE IRAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-ANNEX IN SITIO BUCANA, BARANGAY MATAHIMIK, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY FROM THE IRAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BUCANA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was filed in the Seventeenth Congress as House Bill No. 3778. It has been referred to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on October 3, 2016. This bill seeks to convert the Irawan National High School-Bucana Annex located in Sitio Bucana, Barangay Iwahig, City of Puerto Princesa into an independent national high school to be known as Bucana National High School.

Currently, the Irawan National High School-Bucana Annex located in Barangay Iwahig, City of Puerto Princesa is operating under the auspices of its mother school which is the Irawan National High School. Its funding requirements for its continuous operation is likewise provided by its mother unit. Sitio Bucana is a resettlement area for informal settlers which are mostly from Barangay Matahimik and other barangays of Puerto Princesa, the weight of operating an annex provides tremendous challenges.

The constant increase of enrollees in both campuses ensures the effectivity of awareness campaigns to put all kids to school, plus the implementation of K-

12 where additional two years of senior high school adds up to the challenges the school faces.

In order for the school to deliver its mandate and provide basic education for all, a regular source of funds for every school year must be in place, thus, it can only be realized through the conversion of Irawan National High School-Bucana Annex to Bucana National High School which is distinct and separate from its mother unit, the Irawan National High School.

To carry out the constitutionally protected rights on equal access to quality education, it is the mandate of the government to ensure that educational institutions are established to cater to the needs of the growing population.

This bill is recommended for approval as per Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution which provides, "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."

As a mandated organ of the government to enact and approve laws, the approval of this measure is hereby earnestly sought.



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

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4 *Section 1. Separation and Conversion into a National High School.*— The Irawan
5 National High School-Annex located in Sitio Bucana, Barangay Matahimik,
6 City of Puerto Princesa, is hereby separated from the Irawan National High
7 School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as
8 Bucana National High School.

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10 *Section 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* — All personnel, assets,
11 liabilities and records of the Irawan National High School-Annex in Sitio
12 Bucana, Barangay Matahimik are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the
13 Bucana National High School.

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15 *Section 3. Appropriations.* — The Secretary of Education shall immediately
16 include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Bucana
17 National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the
18 current year's appropriations of the Irawan National High School-Bucana
19 Annex in Barangay Matahimik. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the
20 continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General
21 Appropriations Act.

23 Section 4.*Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and
24 regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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26 Section 5.*Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 publication in the *Official Gazette*.

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