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HOUSE BILL NO. 4293



Introduced by REP. ELEANOR C. BULUT-BEGTANG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to separate the Mataguisi Comprehensive National High School (MCNHS)-Cacalaggan Annex from the Mataguisi Comprehensive National High School Main Campus and convert it into an independent national high school, thus allow the school to exercise autonomy and flexibility in crafting programs appropriate to the needs of its students and the community.

The MCNHS-Cacalaggan Annex opened in SY2013-2014. Its current enrollment is 140 for SY2016-2017, while the Main Campus has 171 enrollees. The distance between said campuses is 10 kilometers, with the Cacalaggan Annex catering to students of Barangays Malibang, Aurora, Cacalaggan, Paco, Upper Atok and Lt. Balag.

In line with Republic Act No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, schools all over the country are mandated to provide full academic and skills training. However, given the operation of Annex Schools, which remain attached and dependent on the Main campuses for everything from teacher items, MOOE, program directions and approval for the most basic improvement plans, growth and initiatives are often constrained.

Thus In order to address the limitations inherent in the Annex campus, and recognizing its readiness to operate independent of the mother campus, the approval of this measure is urgently sought.

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AN ACT SEPARATING THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-CACALAGGAN ANNEX AT BARANGAY CACALAGGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PUDTOL, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-MAIN CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1.Separation and Conversion into a National High School. The Mataguisi Comprehensive National High School –Cacalaggan Annex in Barangay Cacalaggan, Municipality of Pudtol, Province of Apayao is hereby separated from the Mataguisi Comprehensive National High School –Main and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Tawit National High School.

Section 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Mataguisi Comprehensive National High School-Cacalaggan Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by Tawit National High School.

Section 3.Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Tawit National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current's year appropriation of the Mataguisi Comprehensive National High School- Cacalaggan Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4.Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 5.Effectivity. This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,