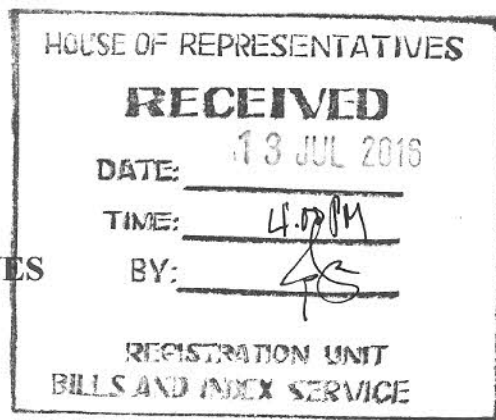


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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1540**



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**Introduced by Hon. Frederick F. Abueg**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill was previously filed as House Bill No. 1468 in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress and was referred to the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

This bill aims to provide the youth of Barangay Lapu-Lapu in the Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan, access to quality secondary education by converting the Narra National High School-Lapu-Lapu Annex into a separate and distinct national high school from the Narra National High School, to be known as LAPU-LAPU NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

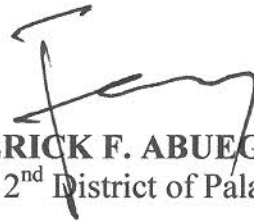
Barangay Lapu-Lapu has a population of 11,069 as per 2010 Census of Population and Housing conducted by the National Statistics Office. Most of the families of students who attend the Narra National High School - Lapu-Lapu Annex generate livelihood from fishing and farming in the area. The steady enrolment growth of Narra National High School – Lapu-Lapu Annex shows that students recognize the tremendous value of education in shaping the future and alleviating poverty. Further, a regular source of funds every school year must be adequate and sufficient to enable the school to function effectively and efficiently.

The Lapu-Lapu Annex High School was issued permit to operate by the Regional Director of Region IV-B, Department of Education, pursuant to the request of local government officials of Narra, Palawan, after compliance with necessary requirements therefor.

At present, the finding requirement of the Lapu-Lapu Annex High School is taken out from the regular allocation of the Narra National High School. The distance between the two schools is not less than twelve (12) kilometers.

This bill is recommended for approval, consistent with Article XIV Section One of the 1987 Constitution which mandates 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."

In accordance with the State's policy of providing quality education for its citizens, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Abueg', is written over the printed name.

**FREDERICK F. ABUEG**  
Representative. 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Palawan

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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE NARRA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LAPU-LAPU ANNEX IN BARANGAY LAPU-LAPU, MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE NARRA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU 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 Narra National High School – Lapu-Lapu Annex in Barangay Lapu-Lapu, Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan, is hereby converted into the Lapu-Lapu National High School.

**SEC. 2.** *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Narra National High School - Lapu-Lapu Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Lapu-Lapu National High School.

**SEC. 3.** *Appropriations.* – The funds necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Lapu-Lapu National High School shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

3           **SEC. 5. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
4 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general  
5 circulation.

6           *Approved,*