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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5326



Introduced by HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN

This Bill seeks for the establishment of Tabayon National High School from the former Jose Abad Santos National High School-Tabayon Extension. While the latter continues its service through quality education, it is located 18 kilometers away from Jose Abad Santos National High-Main Campus in Caburan Big, Jose Abad Santos in the Province of Davao Occidental. Jose Abad Santos National High School-Tabayon Extension is also 10.5 kilometers away from Kalbay National High School. Actually, this is the only nearest secondary school in the municipality.

Tabayon National High School if it is so approved will have the graduates of the elementary schools from the interior barangays namely Tabayon, Cayaponga, Carahayan and Malalan. The elementary schools that service these students came from San Felipe Elementary School in Tabayon that had 92 pupils, Cayaponga Elementary School with 80 pupils, Faustino K. Labiton Sr. Elementary School in Carahayan with 75 pupils, and Malalan Elementary School with 50 pupils. These schools graduated a total of 297 pupils.

In pursuing secondary education, the students have to traverse three to ten kilometers of winding mountain roads and cross flooding rivers during the rainy season. Desiring to have their children attend a secondary school, the Tabayon Local Government bought a parcel of land that measures ten thousand square meters.

Another reason for the establishment of the Tabayon National High School is that the nearest private school participating in the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (GASTPE) is 19.5 kilometers away from students living in the interior barangays of the municipality. Transportation expenses are high for students whose parents are mostly subsistence farmers and small fisherfolks. Because of this, the students would opt to stop and help in the farms and in other forms of livelihood that their parents engage in. It should be noted that most of the students belong to families who are recipient of the *Pantawid ng Pamilyang Pilipino Program*, otherwise known as the 4Ps.

The feasibility of establishing the Tabayon National High School is viable because the Jose Abad Santos National High School-Caburan Main Campus is willing to transfer the Item of the Teachers to the would-be established school as shown in the Memorandum of Agreement executed between the two schools.

The move to establish the Tabayon National High School is concurred during the PTA meeting on June 17, 2018 and other stakeholders of the Barangay and Municipal Officials who fully support this endeavor. Majority of the locals, including those who are residing in the hinterlands believe that the establishment of the school is their only hope for their children to complete secondary education, and earn a degree in the future.

For the abovementioned reasons, the establishment of Tabayon National High School is strongly endorsed.



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AN ACT SEPARATING THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TABAYON EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TABAYON, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TABAYON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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2 **SEC. 1.** The Jose Abad Santos National High School – Tabayon Extension in Barangay
3 Tabayon, Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao Occidental is hereby separated
4 from the Jose Abad Santos National High School, converting it into an independent national
5 high school to be known as the Tabayon National High School.

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7 **SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Jose Abad Santos National
8 High School – Tabayon Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Tabayon
9 National High School.
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11 **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's
12 program the operationalization of the Tabayon National High School, the initial funding of which
13 shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Jose Abad Santos National High
14 School – Tabayon Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of
15 the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act
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17 **SEC. 4.** Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the
18 Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of
19 this Act.
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21 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
22 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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24 *Approved,*