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HOUSE BILL NO. 0586

Introduced by Representative ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG



EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Balbalan Agricultural and Industrial School- Balbalan Proper Extension in Barangay Balbalan Proper, Municipality of Balbalan, Province of Kalinga from its mother school the Balbalan Agricultural and Industrial School and convert it into a separate and independent national high school to be known as Eastern Balbalan National High School.

The BAIS-Balbalan Proper Extension was opened in 2010 to cater to 22 high school freshmen from Barangay Balbalan Proper who cannot afford to attend the high school located more than three kilometers from their Barangay. At present the extension school is offering grades 7 to 10 with more than 150 students coming from Barangays Balbalan Proper and Maling of the Municipality of Balbalan and Barangays Balinciagao Norte, Magsilay and Cagaluan of the nearby Municipality of Pasil. The school is currently manned by seven teachers including the school head, four of which are from the mother school and the two from the Western Kalinga National High School. Due to the increase of population of school age children from among the feeder barangays, there is an indication that student enrollees will grow and double in the coming years.

With the conversion of BAIS- Balbalan Proper Extension into an independent national high school, the capability of the school as catalyst of change will be boosted. It will have its own budget and necessary workforce to continue developing and enhancing the knowledge and skills of its growing clientele. It will inspire commitment to work for the promotion of a better life and to achieve a peaceful and progressive community.

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

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AN ACT SEPARATING THE BALBALAN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL-BALBALAN PROPER EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BALBALAN PROPER, MUNICIPALITY OF BALBALAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE BALBALAN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS EASTERN BALBALAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Balbalan Agricultural and Industrial School-Balbalan Proper Extension in Barangay Balbalan Proper, Municipality of Balbalan, Province of Kalinga is hereby separated from the Balbalan Agricultural and Industrial School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Eastern Balbalan National High School.

SECTION 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Balbalan Agricultural and Industrial School-Balbalan Proper Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Eastern Balbalan National High School.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Eastern Balbalan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Balbalan Agricultural and Industrial School-Balbalan Proper Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act within One Hundred Twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.