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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a vital human right, enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Every girl and every boy should have the right to a quality education in order that they can have more chances in life, including employment opportunities, better health, and to participate in social progress.

This bill seeks to improve the quality of education, address the growing population of students in the 2nd District of North Cotabato as well as to increase the number of national high schools in the district. The 2nd district public school system currently has 11 national high schools, which is relatively low compared to the 1st and 2nd districts which have 19 and 17 national high schools respectively.

In line with the constitutional mandate to make quality education accessible to all, the immediate enactment of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE KIDAPAWAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MT. APO ANNEX  
IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO  
FROM THE KIDAPAWAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN  
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS  
MT. APO 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.** The Kidapawan City National High School – Mt. Apo Annex in the City of Kidapawan, Province of Cotabato is hereby separated from the Kidapawan City National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Mt. Apo National High School.

**SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Kidapawan City National High School – Mt. Apo Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Mt. Apo National High School.

**SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Mt. Apo National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Kidapawan City National High School – Mt. Apo Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4.** The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

Approved,