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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1543**

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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. 1565 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 Sapa, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan, access to quality secondary education by Converting the Sumbiling National High School – Sapa Annex into a separate and distinct national high School from the Sumbiling National High School, to be known as PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

At present, Sumbiling National High School – Sapa Annex obtains its funding for operations from its mother school, the Sumbiling National High School. The continuous increase in the number of enrollees of Sapa Annex shows that students recognize the tremendous value of education in shaping the future and alleviating poverty. Moreover, in order for the school to function effectively and efficiently, a regular source of funds every school year must be sufficient. It can only be realized by making it a distinct institution and funding therefor included in the annual General Appropriations Act. Furthermore, the separation and conversion into a national high school will improve the administration of both Sapa Annex and Sumbiling National High School in terms of addressing the needs of its students.

The Sapa 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 Bataraza, Palawan, after compliance with necessary requirements therefor.

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.



**FREDERICK F. ABUEG**  
Representative, 2nd District of Palawan

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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE SUMBILING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SAPA ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAPA, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND Distinct NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE SUMBILING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1                   **SECTION 1.** *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.*

2                   – The Sumbiling National High School – Sapa Annex in Barangay Sapa,  
3                   Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan, is hereby converted into a  
4                   separate and distinct national high school from the Sumbiling National High  
5                   School, to be known as Peace and Development Community National High  
6                   School.

7                   **SEC. 2.** *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* — All personnel, assets,  
8                   liabilities and records of the Sumbiling National High School – Sapa Annex  
9                   hereby, transferred to and absorbed by the Peace and Development Community

1 National High School.

2           **SEC. 3. Appropriations.** – The funds necessary for the continued  
3 operation and maintenance of the Peace and Development Community  
4 National High School shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of  
5 the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

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

11           *Approved,*