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HOUSE BILL NO. **3317**

Introduced by: Representative Gil P. Acosta

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

To carry out the constitutionally protected rights on equal access to quality education, it is the mandate of the government to ensure that educational institutions are established to cater to the needs of the growing population. This bill seeks to convert the Sicsican National High School-Annex located in Barangay Santa Monica, City of Puerto Princesa into an independent national high school to be known as SANTA MONICA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Currently, the Sicsican National High School-Annex located in Barangay Santa Monica, City of Puerto Princesa is operating under the auspices of its mother school which is the Sicsican National High School. Its funding requirements for its continuous operation are likewise provided by its mother unit. Barangay Sicsican is now the place where social housing and resettlement of informal settlers from other barangays of Puerto Princesa is located, the weight of operating an annex located in the nearby barangay of Santa Monica provides tremendous challenges.

The constant increase of enrollees in both campuses ensures the effectivity of awareness campaigns to put all kids to school, plus the implementation of K-12 where additional two years of senior high school adds up to the challenges the school faces.

In order for the school to deliver its mandate and provide basic education for all, a regular source of funds for every school year must be in place, thus, it can only be realized through the conversion of Sicsican National High School-Annex to Santa Monica National High School which is distinct and separate from its mother unit, the Sicsican National High School.

This bill is recommended for approval as per Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution which provides, "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".

As a mandated organ of the government to enact and approve laws, the approval of this measure is hereby earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE SICSICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-ANNEX IN
BARANGAY STA. MONICA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY FROM THE SICSICAN
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTA MONICA NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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4 Section 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.*

5 – The Sicsican National High School-Annex located in Barangay Santa Monica, City of
6 Puerto Princesa, is hereby separated from the Sicsican National High School and converted
7 into an independent national high school to be known as Santa Monica National High School.
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9 Section 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets,
10 liabilities and records of the Sicsican National High School-Annex in Barangay Santa
11 Monica are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Santa Monica National High School.
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13 Section 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
14 Department's program the operationalization of the Santa Monica National High School, the
15 initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the
16 Sicsican National High School-Annex in Barangay Santa Monica. Thereafter, the amount
17 necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General
18 Appropriations Act.

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20 Section 4. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that
21 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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23 Section 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
24 *Official Gazette.*
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