Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

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House Bill No. 3573



Introduced by Honorable FREDERICK W. SIAO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Iligan City East National High School — Santiago Annex (ICENHS - Santiago Annex) situated in Barangay Santiago, Iligan City, from its mother or administrative school, the Iligan City East National High School (ICENHS) situated in Barangay Sta. Filomena, Iligan City, and converting it from an annex school into an independent national high school to be known as the Santiago National High School (SNHS).

The passage of this proposed measure is intended to address the very need for a more functional, independent and financially stable secondary school and to promote fair accessibility and quality education for all secondary students in the above-mentioned Barangay and its adjacent Barangays. Indeed, accessibility to quality and affordable education that extends to the poorest of the poor has been one of the national government's thrusts in eradicating poverty as it is henceforth provided by way of the passage of this bill.

This bill was approved by the House as substitute House Bill No. 6824 and was already transmitted to the Senate during the Fifteenth (15^{th}) Congress and was refiled again as House Bill No. 2333 during the Sixteenth (16^{th}) Congress.

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

FREDERICK W. SIÃO Lone District, Iligan City

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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE ILIGAN CITY EAST NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (ICENHS -SANTIAGO ANNEX SANTIAGO ANNEX) FROM MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE ILIGAN CITY EAST NATIONAL HTGH SCHOOL (ICENHS), AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SANTIAGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (SNHS) AND APPROPRIATING **FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. Separation and Conversion. The Iligan City East National High School — Santiago Annex (ICENHS -Santiago Annex) in Barangay Santiago, Iligan City, is hereby separated from the Iligan City East National High School (ICENHS) and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Santiago National High School (SNHS).

Sec. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Iligan City East National High School — Santiago Annex (ICENHS — Santiago Annex) are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Santiago National High School (SNHS).

- **Sec. 3. Appropriations.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Education (DepEd) the operationalization of the Santiago National High School (SNHS), the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Iligan City East National High School (ICENHS). Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- **Sec. 4.** Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- **Sec. 5. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,