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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by Honorable Mark O. Go

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. This constitutional mandate implores us to ensure that our educational system and educational institutions rise above the challenges of a dynamic socio-economic landscape so that accessibility and quality of education extended to the public do not suffer from modern day realities. The ballooning population of Baguio, the only highly urbanized city in CAR, and among the centers of education and technological innovation in northern Luzon, is one of these present-day realities. As of June 2019, the total number of enrollees of the Baguio City National High School has reached 8,257.

The facilities of the Baguio City National High School, which caters to students from all over Baguio, are currently augmented by two high school annexes, the Fort del Pilar Annex and the Hillside Annex. However, with only one School Principal item, and limited regular teacher items, these annexes are underequipped to cater to more students from there surrounding neighborhoods, without sacrificing the quality of education received by the students and the learning atmosphere that should facilitate efficient transfer, absorption, and retention of knowledge.

The Fort Del Pilar Annex currently has a population of 778 students that are handled by 29 teachers. The said annex operates with 1 functional library and 16 classrooms housed at 5 buildings, however 6 of these classrooms and 2 of these buildings are only makeshift. Further the teachers in the annex school are merely borrowed from the mother high school. The conversion of the Fort Del Pilar Annex into an independent national high school will accommodate more students and provide them with an environment conducive to learning through access to improved facilities and adequate teacher-student ratio. By converting said annex to an independent national high school, students from surrounding barangays would be given better access to a national high school, and the mother school, as well as other overly populated schools in Baguio would be relieved of the undue burden. The conversion would also decentralize leadership, management, and supervision of the school, thereby facilitating more efficient services to the public. It would also allow the former annex to manage its own

MOOE and establish its own Personnel Services Itemization and Plantilla of Personnel (PSIPOP) for ease of managing its staff as an independent school.

As Baguio city continues to flourish as a technology and investment hub in northern Luzon, it is only imperative that we secure a competent youth sector by improving the access to and quality of basic education.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – FORT DEL PILAR ANNEX IN BARANGAY FORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO CITY, INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS FORT DEL PILAR 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. Conversion Into A National High School. – The Baguio City National High School- Fort Del Pilar Annex, in Barangay Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City, is hereby converted into an independent national school to be known as Fort Del Pilar National High School.

SEC. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities – All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of Baguio City National High School – Fort Del Pilar Annex are hereby transferred to, and absorbed by, Fort Del Pilar National High School.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Baguio City National High School – Fort Del Pilar Annex. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Fort Del Pilar National High School shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

SEC. 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,