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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1538**

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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. 1466 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 Punang in the Municipality of Sofronio Española, Province of Palawan, access to quality secondary education by converting the Pulot National High School – Punang Extension into a separate and distinct national high school from the Pulot National High School, to be known as PUNANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

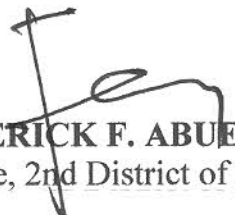
The Pulot National High School – Punang Extension was established in June 2011. At present, Punang Extension obtains its funding for operations from its mother school, the Pulot National High School. The continuous increase in the number of enrollees of Punang Extension shows that students recognize 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 Punang Extension and Pulot National High School in terms of addressing the needs of its students.

The Punang Extension 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 Sofronio Española, 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**  
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**AN ACT**

**CONVERTING THE PULOT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - PUNANG EXTENSION IN BARANGAY PUNANG, MUNICIPALITY OF SOFRONIO ESPAÑOLA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE PULOT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS PUNANG 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 Pulot National High School – Punang Extension in Barangay Punang,  
3                   Municipality of Sofronio Española, Province of Palawan, is hereby converted  
4                   into a separate and distinct national high school from the Pulot National High  
5                   School, to be known as Punang National High School.

6                   **SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.*** – All personnel, assets,  
7                   liabilities and records of the Pulot National High School – Punang Extension  
8                   are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Punang National High School.

9                   **SEC. 3. *Appropriations.*** - The funds necessary for the continued

1 operation and maintenance of the Punang National High School shall be  
2 included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment  
3 into law and thereafter.

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

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

*Approved,*