

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3775



Introduced by: Hon. Rolando "Klarex" Uy

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a fundamental right. Despite great progress in the last 15 years, millions of children are still denied their right to education.

The importance of education is beyond reading, writing and arithmetic. It is one of the most important investments a country can make in its people and its future. It is critical to reducing poverty and inequality. If children in low-income countries have basic reading skills, then millions of people would be lifted out of poverty.

Education in the farthest reaches of our country is currently existing in unfortunate conditions. Article XIV, Section I of the Philippine Constitution states that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all".

Such is the justification for the need to separate the Bayanga National High School from its mother school Mambuaya National High School.

As an Annex School, Bayanga National High School has to defer to the decision making body at Mambuaya National High School. Such a set-up has not always been advantageous to the former, as their school's interest are often prioritized. This is indeed unfortunate as the enrollment of a steadily increasing student body population signifies various emerging concerns that could be best addressed by the administrative body that is not dictated by an external one. Bayanga National High School must be allowed to function separately and independently in order for its administrators to have a free rein in pursuing their vision for the school.

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

ROLANDO "Klarex" A. UY

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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE MAMBUAYA NATIONAL HIGHSCHOOL - BAYANGA ANNEX IN BARANGAY BAYANGA, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, FROM THE MAMBUAYA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAYANGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and conversion into a National High School.* The Mambuaya National High School - Bayanga Annex in Barangay Bayanga, City of Cagayan de Oro, is hereby separated from the Cagayan de Oro National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Balulang National High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Mambuaya National High School - Bayanga Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Balulang National High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Bayanga National High School the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Mambuaya National High School - Bayanga Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect (15) fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,