

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 4476**



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**Introduced by: Representatives Shernee A. Tan-Tambut and Samier A. Tan**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Act of 1988" was enacted in pursuance of the mandate of the Constitution "to 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 direct consequence of the free tuition granted under the said law, the number of enrollees in the secondary schools had increased significantly. It is disturbing to note however, that as the enrollees grow each year, the percentage number of unemployed high school graduates has also been increasing by leaps and bounds.


This bill therefore seeks to convert the Maimbung National High School Annex in Barangay Laum, Municipality of Paimbung, Province of Sulu into a national technical-vocational high school to be known as the Maimbung National Technical-Vocational High School.

The paramount objective of this bill is to offer technical and vocational subjects to equip all the students with technical knowledge that will somehow help them, especially those, who cannot afford to pursue college courses, earn a decent living wage. This way, this technical-vocational secondary school will help the government in arresting the rapid growth of unemployed high school graduates in this part of the country.

In view of the grave importance of this piece of legislation, the Regional Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao has favorably endorsed its immediate passage for the great benefit of the people in the area.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE MAIMBUNG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX**  
**LOCATED IN BARANGAY LAUM, MUNICIPALITY OF PAIMBUNG,**  
**PROVINCE OF SULU INTO A NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAIMBUNG NATIONAL**  
**TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL 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 Technical-Vocational High School.*** – The Maimbung National High School Annex located in Barangay Laum, Municipality of Paimbung, Province of Sulu is hereby converted into a national technical-vocational high school to be known as the Maimbung National Technical-Vocational High School.

**SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.*** – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Maimbung National High School Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Maimbung National Technical-Vocational High School.

**SEC. 3. *Appropriations.*** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Maimbung National Technical-Vocational High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Maimbung National High School Annex. 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 such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose 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,*