

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 4501

Introduced by Representative Cyrille “Beng” F. Abueg-Zaldivar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was previously filed as House Bill (H.B.) No. 1468 in the 16th Congress and as H.B. No. 1540 during the 17th Congress. Both bills were referred to the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

This bill aims to provide the youth of Barangay Lapu-Lapu in the Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan, access to quality secondary education by converting the Narra National High School-Lapu-Lapu Annex into a separate and distinct national high school from the Narra National High School, to be known as LAPU-LAPU NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Barangay Lapu-Lapu has a population of 11,069 as per 2010 Census of Population and Housing conducted by the National Statistics Office. Most of the families of students who attend the Narra National High School - Lapu-Lapu Annex generate livelihood from fishing and farming in the area. The steady enrolment growth of Narra National High School – Lapu-Lapu Annex shows that students recognize the tremendous value of education in shaping the future and alleviating poverty. Further, a regular source of funds every school year must be adequate and sufficient to enable the school to function effectively and efficiently.

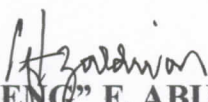
The Lapu-Lapu Annex High School was issued permit to operate by the Regional Director of Region IV-B, Department of Education, pursuant to the request of local government officials of Narra, Palawan, after compliance with necessary requirements therefor.

At present, the finding requirement of the Lapu-Lapu Annex High School is taken out from the regular allocation of the Narra National High School. The distance

between the two schools is not less than twelve (12) kilometers.

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.


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AN ACT

**SEPARATING THE NARRA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LAPU-LAPU ANNEX
IN BARANGAY LAPU-LAPU, MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF
PALAWAN FROM THE NARRA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT
INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
LAPU-LAPU 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. The Narra National High School – Lapu-lapu Annex in Barangay
Lapu-lapu, Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan is hereby separated from the Narra
National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known
as Lapu-lapu National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Narra National High
School – Lapu-lapu Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Lapu-lapu
National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s
program the operationalization of the Lapu-lapu National High School, the initial funding
of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the Narra National
High School – Lapu-lapu Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued
operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **SEC. 4.** Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the
2 Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the
3 provisions of this Act.

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5 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
6 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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8 *Approved,*