

Republic of the Philippines  
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House Bill No. 1111



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Introduced by **REP. TEDDY BRAWNER BAGUILAT**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides 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 education accessible to all. It likewise mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

The Province of Ifugao is among the least privileged areas and still one among the poorest provinces in the country today. Notable is the lack of government High Schools in the province. Due to its mountainous terrain, it takes several minutes or even hours to go to school. It is burdensome for teachers and personnel to travel from their mother school to its satellite extension school. This proposed measure aims to do justice to the residents by establishing an independent National High School to cater their educational needs. Considering the role of education in spurring development, this measure will enhance the social economic development of the area and encourage the youth to seek a different goal into achieving a career, which is noble in intention and modern in means and insights. More specifically, the Municipality of Alfonso Lista is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Municipality that is in need of further educational support.

This Bill is critical because not only does it give life to the Constitutional Right to education, but it also is a requisite to develop the Municipality of Alfonso Lista, and the province of Ifugao as a whole, through its human resource. Consequently, this bill is most respectfully submitted and requested for early approval.

  
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AN ACT SEPARATING THE STA. MARIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY POTIA, MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO LISTA, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO FROM STA. MARIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS POTIA 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.** Separation and Conversion into a National High School – The Sta. Maria National High School Extension in Barangay Potia, Municipality of Alfonso Lista, Province of Ifugao is hereby separated from the Sta. Maria National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as **Potia National High School**.

**Section 2.** Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Sta. Maria National High School Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Potia National High School

**Section 3.** Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Potia National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Sta. Maria National High School Extension and thereafter it shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

**Section 6.** Effectivity – This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette,

Approved,