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HOUSE BILL NO. 4509

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was previously filed as House Bill (H.B.) No. 1568 in the 16th Congress as H.B. No. 1545 during the 17th Congress. Both bills were referred to the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

This bill seeks to convert Southern Bataraza National High School – Buliluyan Annex located in Barangay Buliluyan, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan, into a separate and distinct national high school from the Southern Bataraza National High School, to be known as BULILUYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Southern Bataraza National High School – Buliluyan Annex presently obtains its funding for operations from its mother school, the Southern Bataraza National High School. The steady enrollment growth of Southern Bataraza National High School – Buliluyan Annex 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 Buliluyan Annex and Southern Bataraza National High School in terms of addressing the needs of its students.

The Buliluyan 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 Bataraza, 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.

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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE SOUTHERN BATARAZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BULILUYAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY BULILUYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM THE SOUTHERN BATARAZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BULILUYAN 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 Southern Bataraza National High School – Buliluyan Annex in Barangay Buliluyan, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan is hereby separated from the Southern Bataraza National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Buliluyan National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Southern Bataraza National High School – Buliluyan Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Buliluyan National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Buliluyan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the Southern Bataraza National High School – Buliluyan Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
SEC. 4. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

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

Approved,