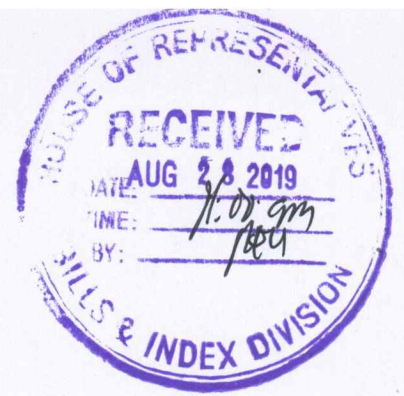


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House Bill No. 4225



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Sibuco National High School – Lunday Annex in Barangay Lunday, Municipality of Sibuco, Province of Zamboanga del Norte converting it into an independent national high school to be known as Lunday National High School.

The Municipality of Sibuco is located in the southernmost part of the province of Zamboanga del Norte bordering both Zamboanga City and the province of Zamboanga Sibugay. It lies in vast forestal, agricultural and coastal areas. Among the twelve towns of the third congressional district office of Zamboanga del Norte, Sibuco has the largest land area with diverse cultural heritage.

Better education is necessary in order to go ahead in life and attain success. It helps one build confidence, positive outlook and better opportunities. However, it can be attained only by providing our citizenry easy access to school that is equipped to become an avenue for learning. As such, the government efforts to eradicate illiteracy, poverty, social inequity, even counter insurgency and cultural indifferences will be enhanced.

The separation of Lunday National High School is perceived to provide the local education system the needed boost for a community where most of its inhabitants are underserved, if not unserved. Among the 67 municipalities in Zamboanga Peninsula, Sibuco emerged as the poorest municipality with a whopping 80 percent poverty incidence. Based on the Department of Social Welfare and Development Listahanan Program data of 2016, out of the 7,981 households 6,391 were identified as poor.

Providing citizens with equal opportunity and quality education that they deserve is a must in order to achieve the constitutional guarantee to establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society, as enshrined in Art. XIV, Sec. 2 (1) of the Constitution.

Unity has been progressively forged in the area and education has shown that mutual respect and understanding is the way towards progress and emancipation from ignorance and poverty. It must therefore be strengthened, made more accessible, to all the youth in the area in preparation for their future task in community and nation building.

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


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**SEPARATING THE SIBUCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LUNDAY ANNEX
IN BARANGAY LUNDAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUCO, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE SIBUCO NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LUNDAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Sibuco National High School - Lunday Annex in Barangay Lunday, Municipality of Sibuco, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Sibuco National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Lunday National High School.

SECTION 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Sibuco National High School - Lunday Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Lunday National High School.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Lunday National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act within One Hundred Twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

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

Approved,