

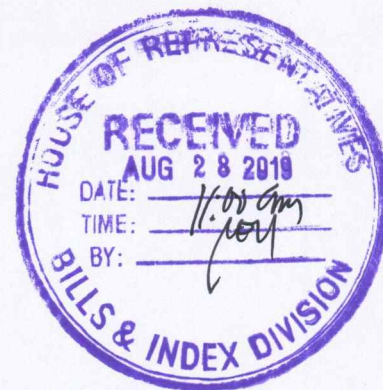
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**

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**4227**

House Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_



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**INTRODUCED BY REP. ISAGANI S. AMATONG**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Labason Central School into an Integrated School to be known as the Labason Integrated School in Barangay Lopoc, Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

Education is the best weapon to conquer ignorance, poverty and insurgency problems in the country. In order for an orderly society to prosper into a reliable, independent and responsible citizenry that is geared towards inclusive growth and development, it must strengthen the fabric that molds the very foundation of the country.

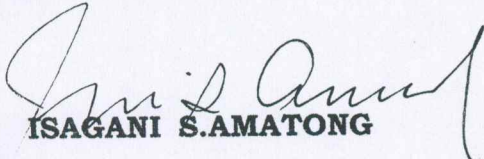
Founded in 1947, the Municipality of Labason is a 3<sup>rd</sup> class municipality, and located in the southern part of the province, more or less, about 150 kilometers, from the capital city of Zamboanga del Norte; composed of twenty barangays, with an estimated total population of 41,357 as of 2015. Labason is a rich source of agricultural and fishery products where majority of its inhabitants rely upon for a living.

Yet the growing town does not have a public downtown high school. Students in the Poblacion are enrolled either in the private schools in the Poblacion or in the public schools in nearby barangays. Thus, denying the residents in the Poblacion the option to go to a private or public school.

Providing the citizens with equal opportunity and the quality of education that they deserve is a major breakthrough towards the realization of 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.

The conversion of the Labason Central School into an integrated school intends to make basic education accessible and affordable to all pursuant to the policy of the State.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING LABASON CENTRAL SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LOPOC,**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**  
**INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LABASON**  
**INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Labason Central School in Barangay Lopoc, Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, is hereby converted into an integrated school, to be known as the Labason Integrated School.

**SECTION 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Labason Central School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Labason Integrated School.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Labason Integrated 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,