

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

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House Bill No. **467**

Introduced By **Honorable ERWIN L. CHIONGBIAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the separation of the San Roque National High School Annex in Barangay San Roque, Municipality of Malungon, Province of Sarangani from the Malungon National High School in the Municipality of Malungon of the same province and converting it into a separate and independent school known as the San Roque National High School and appropriating funds therefore.

Education is a basic foundation in the intellectual and emotional development of the Filipino youth. To harness the potential of a child, through proper guidance in character building, behavior training, and skill development geared towards a better quality education is the basic foundation for the progress of a nation.

The San Roque National High School Annex, which is strategically located between five barangays with complete elementary schools has a considerable student population. The distance from the San Roque National High School Annex to Malungon National High school is eleven (11) kilometers. The existence of the school has in a way lessened the financial burden of its residents in having their children avail of a secondary education within or near their barangay.

The San Roque National High School Annex is financially and administratively dependent on the Malungon National High School, the mother school. This set-up is perceived as disadvantageous to the San Roque National High School Annex by the residents and the Parents and Teachers Associations. They believe that the high school is not adequately supported with funds and facilities to improve the high school's services.

Establishing a regular national high school in Barangay San Roque will provide the youth therein with better means of improving their quality of life through the accessibility of education, an approach which has proven to be **effective for a progressive** and socially developed barangay.

This bill is in response to the government's commitment to prioritize education.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly recommended.

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AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAN ROQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, MUNICIPALITY OF MALUNGON, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI FROM THE MALUNGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIAPALITY OF MALUNGON OF THE SAME PROVINCE AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN ROQUE 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. The San Roque National High School Annex in Baranagay San Roque, Municipality of Malungon, Province of Sarangani is hereby separated from the Malungon National High School in the Municipality of Malungon and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the San Roque National High School.

SEC.2. The San Roque National High School shall be headed by a principal to be appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd). The incumbent teacher-in-charge of San Roque National High School Annex shall continue as such until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

SEC. 3. All the assets, fixed and movable, personnel and records of the Malungon National High School pertaining to the San Roque National High School: *Provided, however,* That the positions, rights and security of tenure of personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to separation from the mother school are not impaired.

SEC. 4. All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Malungon National High School assigned to San Roque National High School Annex in Barangay San Roque are hereby declared to be the property of the San Roque National High School and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That should the San Roque National High School cease to exist or is abolished or such parcel of land is no longer needed by the San Roque National High School, the same shall revert to the government.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of DepEd shall immediately include in its program and issue such rules and regulations for the operationalization of the San Roque National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,