

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

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House Bill No. **469**

Introduced By **Honorable ERWIN L. CHIONGBIAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the conversion of the Talus High School in Barangay Talus, Municipality of Malungon, Province of Sarangani into a national high school to be known as the Talus National High school.

Talus High School was established sometime in 1980, but due to lack of financial resources to support its operation, the school was closed and its operation stopped for quite a time. But the people saw the need for its re-opening considering the distance of the nearest secondary schools, such as the Banate High School which is approximately seven (7) kilometers away and Malalag Cogon National High School is more or less five (5) kilometers away. The students have to negotiate the said distance everyday, rain or shine, riding in any available transportation just to reach the school. Fortunately, the school was re-opened, unfortunately though it is operating under limited facilities and resources.

The request to convert the said school is contained in Resolution No. 2001-07 of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Malungon; and Resolution No. 2001-074 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Sarangani Province sitting in the premier town of Alabel. The conversion would eventually boost the morale of the students of Talus High School and uplift its educational standards to keep pace with the learning trends of the time.

Moreover, the conversion is in accordance with the constitutional mandate that "the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports, to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development " (*Sec. 17, Art. II*)

In View thereof, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT CONVERTING THE TALUS HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALUS, MUNICIPALITY OF MALUNGON, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALUS 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 Talus National High School in Baranagay Talus, Municipality of Malungon, Province of Sarangani, shall be converted, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), into a national high school to be known as the Talus National High School.

SEC.2. The Secretary of the DepEd shall immediately include in the department's program the operationalization of the Talus National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. He shall issue such rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,