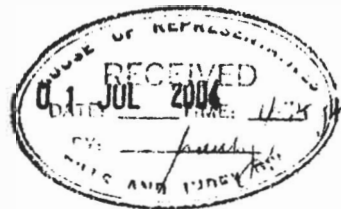


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**HOUSE BILL NO. 504**



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**Explanatory Note**

The mandate of the Constitution is clear: The State shall protect and promote the right of all students to quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Furthermore, the State is also duty-bound to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.

Thus, even in the remotest corners of the countryside, the government must ensure that the youth will not be denied their right to avail of free public education in their primary and secondary education like in Barangay New Dumangas in the Municipality of T'boli, Province of South Cotabato.

Prior to the establishment of the extension high school of the T'boli National High School in New Dumangas, the students had to endure a daily sixteen-kilometer trek to the main campus to attend their high school classes. The route is a rough and hilly terrain and the availability of public transport has been a perennial problem. Thus, the school officials and local officials realized that its establishment will not only be a great relief to the students but also to the parents who were constantly apprehensive of their children's safety and well-being.

At present, however, the number of enrollees can no longer be sufficiently provided with all the necessary support due to limited facilities and few teaching staff. By the following year, it is expected that the student populace will be doubled thereby the need to employ additional teachers and construct new rooms.

Thus, this bill is filed to provide for the separation of the New Dumangas Extension School from the T'boli National High School and convert it into an independent national high school to adequately address the educational needs of the residents of this barangay as well as of the adjacent areas. Such conversion will, among other things, give the needed budgetary support for additional personnel and school infrastructures.

It is in this light that the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**Arthur "Dodo" Y. Pingoy, Jr., M.D.**

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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE NEW DUMANGAS EXTENSION HIGH SCHOOL IN  
BARANGAY NEW DUMANGAS, MUNICIPALITY OF T'BOLI, PROVINCE OF  
SOUTH COTABATO FROM THE T'BOLI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,  
CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEW DUMANGAS 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.** *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.* – The New Dumangas Extension High School in Barangay New Dumangas, Municipality of T'boli, Province of South Cotabato is hereby separated from the T'boli National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the New Dumangas National High School.

**SECTION 2.** *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the New Dumangas Extension High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the New Dumangas National High School.

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

**SECTION 4.** *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

**SECTION 5.** *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,