

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

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. **671**

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE ALIPIO CIRILO V. BADELLES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This is the second re-filing of this legislative initiative registered in the Twelfth Congress as House Bill No. 55. The proposal was passed by the House of Representatives as House Bill No. 6551 and transmitted to the Philippine Senate on January 06, 2004. This bill proposes to separate the Maria Cristina National High School- Annex located at Barangay Ditucalan, Iligan City from the mother school, the Maria Cristina National High School located in Barangay Maria Cristina, Iligan City. These schools are sharing one budgetary allocation from the national government and have hindered their growth and development.

Barangay Ditucalan was established in November, 1988 and is approximately 15 kilometers from the city center. Within its jurisdictional boundaries is the multi-billion NPC Agus Hydro-generating complex and the NPC Mindanao Grid Transmission Regional Center. The Maria Cristina National High School-Annex caters to the secondary educational needs of the children of the NPC/Transco employees residing in the NPC/Transco Housing complex and the surrounding community.

This legislative proposal is anchored on three (3)-compelling reasons:

1. To provide each school its own distinct identity to correct the prevailing confusion among students, teachers, parents and the community each school serves;
2. To provide each high school separate and distinct budgetary allocation amounting to P 4,493,000 FY 2004 GAA as reenacted;
3. To enhance the unhampered growth and development of both schools;

Approval of this measure is earnestly enjoined.


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AN ACT

SEPARATING MARIA CRISTINA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-ANNEX IN BARANGAY DITUCALAN, CITY OF ILIGAN FROM MARIA CRISTINA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARIA CRISTINA, CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DITUCALAN 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 Maria Cristina National High School-Annex in Barangay Ditucalan, City of Iligan is hereby separated from the Maria Cristina National High School in Barangay Maria Cristina, and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Ditucalan National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Maria Cristina National High School-Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Ditucalan National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Ditucalan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Maria Cristina National High School and thereafter in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,