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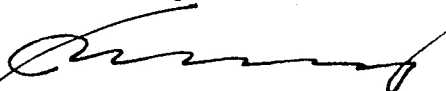
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Seven (7) years ago, through the efforts of the barangay officials and the Parents Teachers and Community Association, the dream of the residents of barangay Sta. Lucia in Pagadian City to have their own high school became a reality with the birth of the Zamboanga del Sur National High School – Sta. Lucia Annex. Since then, the initial enrollment of 179 students has ballooned to a high of 1,280 for School Year 2003-2004, and is expected to increase with more students coming from feeder schools of adjoining barangays. The school is manned by a highly-qualified, competent and capable Teacher-in-Charge and other faculty members, who are either occupying positions under the mother school, are teachers detailed at the Sta. Lucia Annex from other city high schools which have insufficient enrollment, or are paid from other sources and/or financial assistance.

The time has come for the Annex School to cut its umbilical cord from its mother school, to allow it to further grow and develop, clothe it with separate and independent identity and fiscal autonomy, and enhance its effectiveness in providing quality secondary education. For after all, Barangay Sta. Lucia is one of the more progressive and thickly populated barangays in the heart of the City of Pagadian. Rising from the ruins brought about by the gigantic tsunamis of 1976 which ravaged houses, other properties and even lives, the Sta. Lucia of today throbs with brisk activity from its major fishing industry and other businesses.

For the aforesaid compelling reasons, approval of this Bill, separating the Zamboanga del Sur National High School – Sta. Lucia Annex from the Zamboanga del Sur National High School, is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – STA. LUCIA ANNEX IN BARANGAY SANTA LUCIA, CITY OF PAGADIAN, FROM THE ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CITY OF PAGADIAN, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STA. LUCIA 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 Zamboanga del Sur National High School – Sta. Lucia Annex in Barangay Sta. Lucia, City of Pagadian, is hereby separated from the Zamboanga del Sur National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Sta. Lucia National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Zamboanga del Sur National High School – Sta. Lucia Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Sta. Lucia National High School.

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

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SEC. 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue 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,