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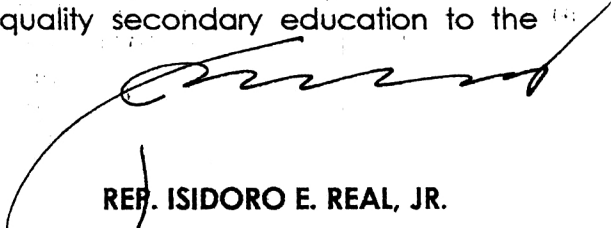
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill proposes the separation of the Aurora National High School in Barangay Balide, Municipality of Aurora, Province of Zamboanga del Sur from the Commonwealth National High School in Barangay Commonwealth of the same municipality.

In 1994, mainly through the efforts of the local government officials, the Aurora National High School (ANHS) in Barangay Balide, Municipality of Aurora, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, was established as an Annex of the Commonwealth National High School in Barangay Commonwealth of the same municipality. The mother school was located some nineteen (19) kilometers away from the Poblacion, while ANHS was just very near the Poblacion (five kilometers away). It was then the answer to the crying need of students from low-income families who could not afford the tuition fees in the two (2) private high schools in the Poblacion.

Now, six (6) years after, the student population of the Aurora National High School has exceeded that of its mother school. In fact, it has the biggest enrollment among the seven (7) public and private high schools in the municipality. It is apparent that the time has come for ANHS to separate from its mother school. Its separation will mean its own budgetary allocation for its maintenance and operating expenses, distinct and separate from that of the mother school. Buildings, facilities, equipment and supplies are as of now quite inadequate for this fast growing school. With its separation, these deficiencies can be remedied and ANHS can continue to improve and grow unhampered by an utter lack of resources, and become equal to the challenge of providing quality secondary education to the students of Aurora.



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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY BALIDE, MUNICIPALITY OF AURORA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY COMMONWEALTH, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippine in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion Into a National High School.* - The Aurora National High School Annex in Barangay Balide, Municipality of Aurora, Province of Zamboanga del Sur is hereby separated from the Commonwealth National High School in Barangay Commonwealth of the same Municipality, and is converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Aurora National High School.

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

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Aurora National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Commonwealth National High School – Aurora National High School Annex 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,