

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

13th Congress

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House Bill No. 1300

Introduced by Honorable Belma A. Cabilao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Balungisan National High School Annex located in Barangay Balungisan, Municipality of Payao, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay from the main Payao National High School in the Poblacion Municipality of Payao, of the same province and rename it the Balungisan National High School.

The Balungisan National High School is an annex of the Payao national High School. Through the years, the Annex has expanded. It has already its own school site, institutional facilities and separate school buildings and other improvements. It has met the minimum requirements provided in DECS Order No. 84, Series of 1996. The Order states that an annex of a public high school offering a complete secondary education program which meets the minimum requirements shall be established as a new high school.

Moreover, it is very accessible to the neighboring barangays of San Isidro, Bulacan and the newly constructed farm-to-market road in Barangay La Fortuna, Fatima and Balian. Its conversion into a regular high school would eventually boost the morale of students, raise their educational standard to keep pace with the learning trends of the time, make quality education accessible to the students in the remote areas, and inspire barangay folks to aspire for higher education.

Likewise, this measure is in accordance with the constitutional mandate for "the State to 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". As can be gleaned from above mandate, the education of our youth is said to be among the primordial responsibilities of the State. Our government should see to it that responsibilities of the State. Our government should see to it that our youth have access to quality education even at least on the secondary level. A nation can not expect to progress if its people, particularly the young, are uneducated, unskilled and lacking sense of national direction.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is sincerely requested.

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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE PAYAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-BALUNGISAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY BALUNGISAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PAYAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY FROM THE PAYAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BALUNGISAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High*

2 *School.* – The Payao National High School – Balungisan Annex in
3 Barangay Balungisan, Municipality of Payao, Province of Zamboanga
4 Sibugay is hereby separated from the Payao National High School and
5 converted into an independent national high school to be known as the
6 Balungisan National High School.

7 SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets,

8 liabilities and records of the Payao National High School – Balungisan
9 Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Balungisan National
10 High School.

11 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall

12 immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization
13 of the Balungisan National High School, the funding of which shall be
14 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

19 Approved,