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HOUSE BILL NO. 1680



Introduced by Rep. Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In spite of the strong opposition raised by local prominent personalities who fear that its creation would adversely affect the enrolment of the parish-run high school, the Cordova National High School (CNHS) rose from scratch to give the town's youth access to free secondary education. And now, seven years after it embarked on that noble journey with 198 initial enrollees, it has now become the bastion of learning in the municipality of Cordova.

In recent years, the CNHS has experienced a huge surge in enrolment. It is now the school of choice by local residents not only because of its affordability and the rising cost of private education but likewise for its quality instruction.

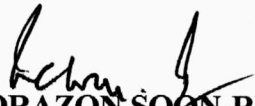
With its growing student population, however, comes the pressing need for the school to cope up with more faculty and staff, better facilities and updated books and instructional materials to maintain, if not improve, its level of instruction for the students' advancement and academic excellence.

The resources of the school are now found to be inadequate to meet its growing needs especially that it is only an extension of the Cabangahan National High School in the Municipality of Consolacion. Its meager budget cannot even support its present population of more than a thousand students more so with the rapid increase that is inevitable in the coming years.

Converting the school into a separate national high school independent from its mother school would certainly provide a regular source of funds every school year adequate and sufficient to meet its growing needs. Therefore, the necessary personnel complement, improved facilities and updated instructional materials will be ensured which would surely enhance its quality of instruction.

Section 2, Article XIV of the Constitution declares the State's policy and obligation to establish and maintain a free public education system in the elementary and secondary levels and the approval of this measure will not only give meaning and spirit to this constitutional provision but will also bring about development at the grassroots level.

In view of these premises, therefore, early approval of this measure is earnestly sought and recommended.


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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE CORDOVA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, CEBU FROM CABANGAHAN
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN CONSOLACION, CEBU, CONVERTING
IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion Into a National High School.* – The Cordova National High School in the municipality of Cordova, Cebu is hereby separated from Cabangahan National High School in the municipality of Consolacion, Cebu.

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

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Cordova 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 maybe necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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