

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

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1810



Introduced by Congressman Manuel C. Ortega

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sto. Rosario National High School, situated at a barangay of the same name in the Municipality of San Juan, Province of La Union, opened an annex in the town proper to accommodate a projected increase in the number of first-year enrollees for school year 2002-2003. School officials estimated that its annex would initially take in one section of freshman students. Much to their surprise, and cause for concern, the equivalent of three sections of freshmen and two sections of sophomores trooped to the annex to enroll. Enrollees in each class met the standard number set by the Department of Basic Education.

Elementary schools in San Juan town produce graduates at ever-increasing numbers at the close of each school year. And if the rise in the number of transferees from other public and private secondary schools in the municipality and other areas is added to the equation, the Sto. Rosario National High School Annex in the town proper, also known as Barangay Poblacion, could easily qualify as a complete high school by this time. The author of this measure, when approached by Sto. Rosario National High School officials for assistance, promptly allocated funds to construct a six-classroom building to augment the existing facilities of the school annex.

The Sangguniang Bayan of San Juan, in response to increasing clamor for the establishment of an independent national high school in the town poblacion from parent-teacher organizations, civic clubs, student/teacher and various other non-governmental organizations, has approved and adopted a resolution to separate its annex from Sto. Rosario National High School. As a result, the municipality will now have two independent national high schools: Sto. Rosario National High School and its former annex which shall be known as the San Juan National High School. An appropriate move in light of the fact that the existing high school annex is situated in the town proper of San Juan.

Early approval of this bill proposing the creation of the San Juan National High School is urgently requested.

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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE STO. ROSARIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, FROM THE STO. ROSARIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN JUAN 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 School.* -

2 The Sto. Rosario National High School Annex in Barangay Poblacion,
3 Municipality of San Juan, Province of La Union, is hereby separated from the
4 Sto. Rosario National High School and converted into an independent national
5 high school to be known as the San Juan National High School.

6 SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* - All personnel, assets,
7 liabilities and records of the Sto. Rosario National High School Annex are
8 hereby transferred to and absorbed by the San Juan National High School.

9 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Education shall
10 immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the
11 San Juan National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the
12 annual General Appropriations Act.

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

3 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
4 its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,