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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 1865



Introduced by **HONORABLE PETER PAUL JED C. FALCON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Illiteracy still ranks as one of the contributing factors why Surigao Del Sur fared so slow in terms of development. In spite of its abundant natural resources, it is still listed as one of our country's poorest provinces.

This can be gleaned in the matter of lesser public affairs participation by our constituents in areas where lack of educational services prevails.

Concerned with this predicament, our local government unit officials have initiated their own means. To address this problem, they forced the opening of high schools in their respective municipalities and barangays.

While solving the high school education problem however, they are engaging themselves in a much bigger problem. The increasing number of enrollees gripped their limited barangay and municipal funds intended for this purpose.

Lack of classroom and funds for teachers' allowances are now haunting their school's existence.

Considering the urgent need to continue the operation of these public high school institutions and with the administration's educational thrust of promoting literacy within the rural areas, there is a need to convert these schools into National High Schools. The respective Barangays and Municipalities in the 2nd District of Surigao Del Sur are as follows:

<u>High Schools</u>			<u>Converted Into</u>			<u>Location</u>
1. Sta. Juana Public School	High		Sta. Juana High School	National		Sta. Juana, Tagbina Surigao Del Sur
2. Mone National School	National	High	Mone National School	High		Mone, Bislig City Surigao Del Sur

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| 3. Mangagoy School | Public | High | Mangagoy High School | National | Mangagoy, Bislig City
Surigao Del Sur |
| 4. Tagbina School | National | High | Tagbina National High School | | Tagbina
Surigao Del Sur |
| 5. Maharlika School | National | High | Maharlika National High School | | Maharlika, Bislig City
Surigao Del Sur |
| 6. Maglatab School | National | High | Maglatab National High School | | Maglatab, Tagbina
Surigao Del Sur |
| 7. Tambis School | National | High | Remedios F. Goopio High School | | Tambis, Barobo
Surigao Del Sur |
| 8. Cabacungan High School | Barangay | | Cabacungan High School | National | Cabacungan,
Barobo, Surigao Sur |
| 9. Labisma School | National | High | Labisma National High School | | Labisma, Bislig City
Surigao Del Sur |
| 10. San Vicente II High School | National | | San Vicente II National High School | | San Vicente, Tagbina
Surigao Del Sur |
| 11. Barobo School – Javier Annex | National | High | Javier National High School | | Javier, Barobo
Surigao Del Sur |
| 12. DL Osano School | Maputi | High | DL Osano National High School | | Doña Carmen,
Tagbina, Surigao Sur |

The approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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“AN ACT
CONVERTING LOCALLY ESTABLISHED HIGH SCHOOLS WITHIN THE SECOND
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AS STATED HEREIN AND CORRESPONDINGLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFORE”

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as “*Conversion of Locally Created High Schools*” in the Municipalities of Barobo, Tagbina and Bislig City, all of the 2nd District of Surigao Del Sur into National High Schools, as follows:

<u>High Schools</u>			<u>Converted Into</u>			<u>Location</u>
1. Sta. Juana Public School	High		Sta. Juana National High School			Sta. Juana, Tagbina Surigao Del Sur
2. Mone National School	High		Mone National High School			Mone, Bislig City Surigao Del Sur
3. Mangagoy Public School	High		Mangagoy National High School			Mangagoy, Bislig City Surigao Del Sur
4. Tagbina National School	High		Tagbina National High School			Tagbina Surigao Del Sur
5. Maharlika National School	High		Maharlika National High School			Maharlika, Bislig City Surigao Del Sur
6. Maglatab National School	High		Maglatab National High School			Maglatab, Tagbina Surigao Del Sur
7. Tambis National School	High		Remedios F. Goopio High School			Tambis, Barobo Surigao Del Sur

8.	Cabacungan High School	Barangay	Cabacungan National High School	Cabacungan, Barobo, Surigao Sur
9.	Labisma National High School		Labisma National High School	Labisma, Bislig City Surigao Del Sur
10.	San Vicente II National High School		San Vicente II National High School	San Vicente, Tagbina Surigao Del Sur
11.	Barobo National High School – Javier Annex		Javier National High School	Javier, Barobo Surigao Del Sur
12.	DL Osano Maputi High School		DL Osano National High School	Doña Carmen, Tagbina, Surigao Sur

SECTION 2. This Act aims to enhance the educational background of the constituents from the rural areas of the 2nd District of Surigao Del Sur that have been left behind in terms of development due to dry involvement of its residents in public affairs. This is because of their limited understanding due to lack of education.

SECTION 3. Having been that the State's policy to provide all citizens free and quality education in the elementary and high schools levels, it is hereby acclaimed that Surigao Del Sur, being one of the country's poorest provinces be given priority specifically in the 2nd District. It is where literacy has long been noted in barangays where listed schools be converted into national high schools are located.

SECTION 4. In spite of the limited funds, the LGUs in the 2nd District of Surigao Del Sur have tried to open high schools in their barangays. But with the growing number of students it is impossible for them to shoulder the allowances of existing teachers and to hire additional mentors which is hereby declared to be appropriated by the National Government.

SECTION 5. The increasing number of students accommodated requires additional school buildings which is hereby declared to be provided by the National Government to each school specified herein.

SECTION 6. This Act shall be implemented by the Department of Education (DEPED) through its Regional and Provincial Offices.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,