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HOUSE BILL NO. 2148

Introduced by **HONORABLE ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The thrust of this proposed measure is to give meaning to the Constitutional mandate for quality education at all levels and to make the same accessible to all.

The government is bound to provide education to our Filipino children because education is not a mere privilege but a right to every citizen as embodied in our Constitution. Moreover, Republic Act No. 6655, otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Act of 1988" guarantees the efficient and effective implementation of the State's policy of providing free secondary education.

While it is true that Barangay La Libertad in the Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte has already an existing barangay high school it cannot afford the escalating costs of operation, maintenance and improvement of necessary facilities as demanded by the growing population of high school enrollees. It is at this juncture that the national government should come to the rescue by providing financial support to the distressed La Libertad Barangay High School. Thus, the conversion of this institution into a national high school is deemed the best solution to the problem.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this bill be passed as early as possible.


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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE STO. TOMAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LA LIBERTAD, MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE FROM THE STO. TOMAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LA LIBERTAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.* – The Sto. Tomas National High School – La Libertad Barangay High School in Barangay La Libertad, Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte is hereby separated from the Sto. Tomas National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the La Libertad National High School.

SEC. 3. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Sto. Tomas National High School – La Libertad Barangay High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the La Libertad National High School.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the La Libertad National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Sto. Tomas National High School- La Libertad Barangay High School and thereafter in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,