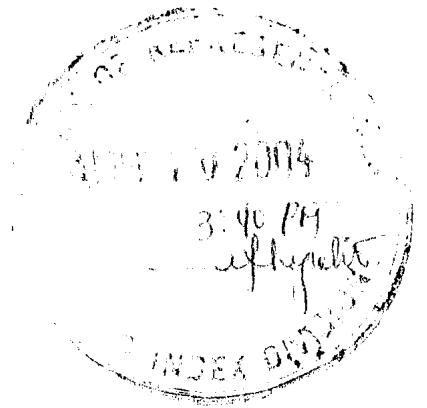


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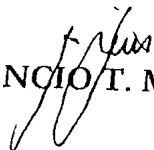
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Nalook National High School Annex located at the RMCAT Compound in Barangay Andagao, Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan as an independent national high school to be known as Aklan National High School For Arts and Trades and appropriating funds therefor.

Technical-vocational education has been pinpointed as one of the lynchpins of national development. Refocusing on vocational-technical education has been recommended by various national and international policy-making bodies to address the manpower needs of industry that has been calling for reforms in the country's educational system. And the so-called voc-tech education should start at the secondary level given the fact that the country's education drop-out rate has been most pronounced in the secondary level.

When the Roxas Memorial College of Arts and Trades in the Municipality of Kalibo has been converted as the Kalibo campus of the Aklan State University System, opportunities for the province's high school students to earn technical-vocational education has been diminished as the college has to limit the number of enrollees to its laboratory high school. While the need for free secondary education has been fulfilled with the setting up of an annex of the Nalook National High School in the RMCAT compound where the ASU campus is also located, the focus has deviated. Where before, students pursue courses in the various arts, crafts and trades, now only regular secondary curriculum is offered by the Nalook National High School Annex. The foundation then for strong technical-vocational education has been diminished.

It is for this purpose that this measure has been proposed. Approval of this bill is then earnestly sought.


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TRADES 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 Nalook National High School Annex in Barangay Andagao, Municipality Of Kalibo, Province Of Aklan, is hereby separated from the Nalook National High School and converted Into A National High School to be known as the Aklan National High School For Arts and Trades.

SEC 2. **Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.** All personnel, asset, liabilities and records of the Nalook National High School Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Aklan National High School For Arts and Trades.

SEC 3. **Appropriations** - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Aklan National High School For Arts and Trades, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,