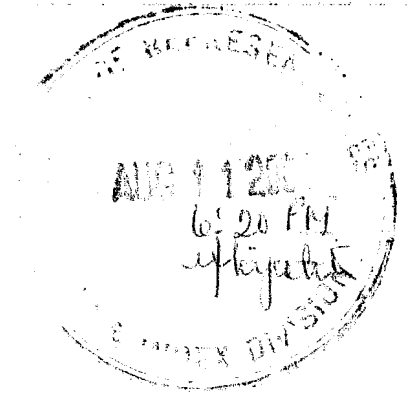


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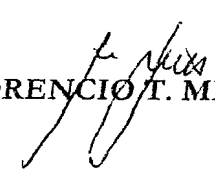
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to separate the Batan National High School - Annex in Barangay Lalab, Municipality of Batan, Province of Aklan from the Batan National High School and convert it into an independent national high school to be known as the Lalab National High School and appropriating funds therefor.

The Municipality of Batan is predominantly rural, with most of its people relying on fishing and farming for livelihood. Because of this, most of the families cannot afford to send their students to private schools in the capital town of Kalibo. This situation forced the Batan National High School to establish an annex to accommodate the growing number of enrollees from poor families. However, limited resources severely undermine the capability of the said annex to provide quality education to the increasing number of students. Thus arose the need to establish a separate independent national high school in Barangay Lalab.

The intent of this bill is in accordance with the Constitutional mandate to give priority to education and in recognition of the role of education in empowering the people to take control of their lives and future.

With these premises, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE BATAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-ANNEX IN BARANGAY LALAB, MUNICIPALITY OF BATAN, PROVINCE OF AKLAN FROM THE BATAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LALAB 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 Batan National High School - Annex in Barangay Lalab, Municipality of Batan, Province of Aklan, is hereby separated from the Batan National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Lalab National High School.

SEC 2. **Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Batan National High School – Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Lalab National High School.

SEC 3. **Appropriations** - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Lalab National High School, 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,