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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. 2371



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate Candelaria National High School – Annex in the Municipality of New Washington, Province of Aklan from the Candelaria National High School and convert it into an independent national comprehensive high school to be known as the New Washington National Comprehensive High School and appropriating funds therefor.

The fundamental law of the land has mandated that the State accord the highest priority to education. In the pursuit of this policy, the State has to allocate the biggest share of the budgetary pie to education. This is in recognition of the vital importance of education in providing access, especially of the poor and the marginalized, to opportunities in life. With education, many of the country's poor will be able to play in a level playing field.

The Municipality of New Washington in the Province of Aklan is a fast-growing town. It hosts a major seaport and its long and vast coastline provide livelihood opportunities to the people. Its population growth resembles the national rate giving rise to a greater demand for basic services. Free public education is urgent among these needs. While the provincial state university operates a campus in the municipality, its laboratory high school could only accommodate a limited number of enrollees. The town's youth of high school age then are forced enroll in the private high schools in the adjoining capital town of Kalibo and/or seek limited slots in the other public schools located outside the town proper. With the prohibitive cost of private secondary education, many parents, given the lack of options, allow their children to be out of school.

In view of the above-cited premises, support of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

SEC 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Candelaria National High School – Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the New Washington National Comprehensive High School.

SEC 3. Appropriations - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the New Washington National Comprehensive 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,