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House Bill No. 2428

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE HERMINIO G. TEVES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

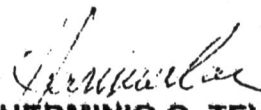
Approved on third reading in the 12th Congress, this bill seeks the conversion of the San Miguel Provincial Community High School (SMPCHS) in Barangay San Miguel, Bacong, Negros Oriental, into a national high school to be known as the San Miguel National High School.

The conversion is long overdue for two reasons. Firstly, Bacong is the only remaining municipality in Negros Oriental which has no national high school. This situation and the strong demand for accessible secondary education prompted the Barangay Council of San Miguel, the Municipal Government of Bacong, and the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental to establish the SMPCHS in 1992 as an annex to the Negros Oriental High School.

Secondly, the SMPCHS had enjoyed phenomenal growth that warrants its conversion to an independent public high school. From an initial 87 students, its present enrollment now is 680 students or a 682% increase in student enrollment. However, salaries of its teachers are still financed by the mother school and the local government, posing problems for the stability and sustainability of the school's operations. In the meantime, student enrollment is fast-growing because students from other towns are also studying in the SMPCHS.

The bill is consistent with State policies enshrined in the Constitution and the Free Secondary Education Act that treats education as a vital tool for national development.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN MIGUEL PROVINCIAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACONG, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN MIGUEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

SECTION 1. The San Miguel Provincial Community High School in the Municipality of Bacong, Province of Negros Oriental is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the San Miguel National High School.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall immediately include in its program and issue such rules and regulations for the operationalization of the San Miguel National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,