

Thirteenth Congress
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House Bill No. 2436

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE HERMINIO G. TEVES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill provides for the conversion of the Sta. Catalina Community School (SCCS) located in Sta. Catalina, Province of Negros Oriental, into an independent public high school, to be known as the Sta. Catalina National High School.

Established through the joint effort of the Municipal Government of Sta. Catalina and the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental, the SCCS has been operating for six years now. For 2000-2001, the SCCS has a population of 1,151 students.

At present, the salaries of its teachers are financed jointly by the provincial government and the municipal government. However, the increasing number of student enrollment and the lack of financial resources of the provincial and municipal governments pose critical problems for the sustainability and stability of the school's operations.

The conversion of the SCCS into a national high school would help meet the surge in student enrollment as well as sustain its operations in the long-term. More importantly, it will pave the way for the strengthening of a major institution that provides quality and accessible basic education especially to poor and deserving students.

In addition, the bill is consistent with State policies as enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution and the Free Secondary Education Act that prioritize education as an instrument for national development.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. CATALINA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CATALINA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STA. CATALINA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

SECTION 1. The Sta. Catalina Community High School in the Municipality of Sta. Catalina, Province of Negros Oriental, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Sta. Catalina 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 Sta. Catalina 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,