

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Thirteenth Congress
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House Bill No. 2527



Introduced by Representative Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the existing Barangay High Schools namely: Isla Sombrero High School, San Juan Community School in Aborlan; Sumbiling Barangay High School, Sibaring Barangay High School in Balabac; Berong Barangay High School in Quezon; Bunog Barangay High School in Rizal; Bagong Sikat Barangay High School in Narra, all situated in the Second Congressional District of Palawan, into National High Schools and providing funds for its implementation.

Section 1, Article XIV of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens for quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such quality education accessible to all. It is further provided in Section 2 subparagraph 1, that the State shall "establish, maintain and support a complete and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society".

These Barangay High Schools were established with the joint efforts of the Barangay officials, Parents and concerned Municipal officials. During the initial operation, these Barangay High Schools have catered to a manageable number of students that required only minimal instruction, supervision and facilities. Years later, the number of students doubled thereby requiring the employment of additional personnel to cope up with the demand for competent teachers, and establishing of the school buildings in order to attain the standard and quality of education in the countryside. These developments however, have imposed upon the Barangay officials, Parents and Teachers Associations and the Municipal officials an additional burden especially in terms of the salaries being paid to the teachers and other infrastructure support to sustain the operation of the respective schools.

These matters considered, the proposed conversion of existing Barangay High Schools into National High Schools is deemed necessary.

Approval of this bill is therefore urgently sought.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING CERTAIN BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOLS, NAMELY: ISLA SOMBRERO HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JUAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN ABORLAN; SUMBILING BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL, SIBARING BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL IN BALABAC; BERONG BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL IN QUEZON; BUNOG BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL IN RIZAL; BAGONG SIKAT BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL IN NARRA, ALL SITUATED IN THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF PALAWAN INTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Isla Sombrero High School, San Juan Community
2 School in Aborlan; Sumbiling Barangay High School, Sibaring Barangay High
3 School in Balabac; Berong Barangay High School in Quezon; Bunog
4 Barangay High School in Rizal; Bagong Sikat Barangay High School in Narra,
5 all situated in the Second Congressional District of Palawan are hereby
6 converted into national high schools.

7 **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue the
8 necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

9 **SEC. 3.** All personnel, records, assets and liabilities of these existing
10 Barangay High Schools are hereby transferred to and absorbed respectively
11 by the National High Schools.

12 **SEC. 4.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
13 shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its
14 enactment into law and thereafter.

15 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

16 **Approved.**