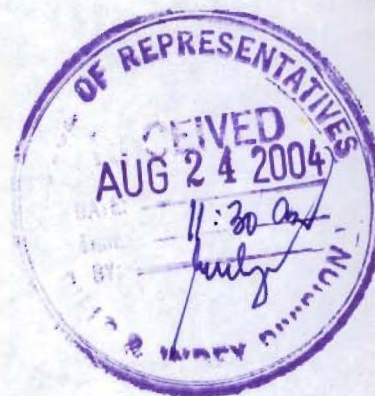


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2579



Introduced by the Hon. JOSEPH A. SANTIAGO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Catanduanes National High School Annex located at Barangay Tibang, Calatagan, Municipality of Virac, Province of Catanduanes from its mother school, the Catanduanes National High School, thereby converting it into an independent National High School to be known as Calatagan National High School.

The province of Catanduanes is predominantly rural and most of its residents are living below the poverty threshold level. Accessibility problem to primary services and basic education facilities are also very pronounced. In the province, there is not enough public national high school, to which elementary graduates may enroll, since mostly cannot afford the cost of private high school education.

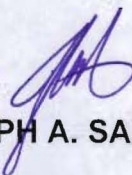
With the population expansion and the increasing demand from the upgrading of school programs, the annex school has been experiencing steady addition in its student population and could no longer cope with the additional educational demand. The same is likewise experienced by the mother school, thereby causing too much strain to the very limited budget intended for the operation of both the mother and the annex school.

Because of this, the annex school cannot effectively and efficiently address the educational needs of its increasing number of enrollees. Without mentioning among others, the lack of facilities and faculty members, development funds are usually concentrated to the mother school, to the detriment of the annex school.

With the separation and independence of the annex school, it is hoped that it will be more capable of delivering the proper educational services to the students and would answer the problems of the low-income families, who cannot afford the costs of sending their children to centers of secondary education in the town proper.

In addition, it will provide each school its own distinct identity, having separate and distinct budgetary allocation in the General Appropriations Act, and it will enhance the unhampered growth and development of both schools.

In consonance with the express mandate of the Constitution in providing the best quality education to all, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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18 AN ACT
19 SEPARATING THE CATANDUANES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN
20 BARANGAY TIBANG, CALATAGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF VIRAC, PROVINCE OF
21 CATANDUANES FROM THE CATANDUANES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, THEREBY
22 CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO
23 BE KNOWN AS THE CALATAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
24 APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.
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27 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:*
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31 **Section 1.** The Catanduanes National High School Annex located in Barangay
32 Tibang, Calatagan, Virac, Catanduanes is hereby separated from its mother school, the
33 Catanduanes National High School and converted into an independent national high
34 school to be known as the Calatagan National High School.
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36 **Section 2.** The school shall offer secondary education proper, as well as
37 secondary science courses to carry out its objectives, and as maybe authorized by the
38 Secretary of the Department of Education.
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40 **Section 3.** All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Catanduanes
41 National High School Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Calatagan
42 National High School. Provided, however, that the positions rights and security of tenure
43 of the personnel therein employed under existing laws shall not be impaired.

1 **Section 4.** The Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall
2 immediately include in the DepEd program and issue such Rules and Regulations to
3 operationalize the Calatagan National High School.
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5 **Section 5.** The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall
6 be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Catanduanes National High
7 School. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation of the
8 Calatagan National High School shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
9 of this Act.
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11 **Section 6.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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