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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 2646



Introduced by: **HONORABLE CLAUDE P. BAUTISTA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Butulan used to be a municipality until 1954 when during the time of President Ramon Magsaysay it was converted into a barangay. With the approximately 5,000 hectares as land area, Barangay Butulan is the largest barangay in the Municipality of Jose Abad Santos in the Second District of Davao del Sur. Stretched along the coastal area fronting the Davao Gulf, it is located in the southernmost part of the municipality. It can only be reached by pump boat since there is no existing road connecting it from the municipality's town center or poblacion. Barangay Butulan that has 10 sitios is also surrounded by seven (7) neighboring barangays with established elementary schools. Graduates from these elementary schools enroll at the Jose Abad Santos National high school-Butulan Annex for their secondary education.

In over a quarter of a century, or after more than 25 years of its existence and operation, the only high school in this southernmost part of the district has remained an annex of the main high school located at Barangay Caburan, Poblacion in the Municipality of Jose Abad Santos. It is and to date still is, dependent on the main high school for the assignment and compensation of teachers in the area, procurement of administrative and other school teachers in the area, procurement of administrative and other school supplies/equipment and even for the schedule of execution of implementing rules and regulations affecting their operations. This situation has generally prejudiced the quality of education enrollees received from the school.

It is for these reasons that this bill seeks the separation of the Jose Abad Santos High School-Butulan Annex and creating there from an independent national high school in order to best serve the interest of our studentry in that part of Davao del Sur.

Immediate approval of this bill is earnestly solicited.


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AN ACT
CHANGING THE NAME, SEPARATING AND CONVERTING THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX CAMPUS LOCATED IN BARANGAY BUTULAN, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR FROM JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MAIN CAMPUS IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE EDNA GUILLERMO MEMORIAL NATIONAL 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. Separates the Jose Abad Santos National High School Annex Campus located in Barangay Butulan, Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao del Sur from the main campus of Jose Abad Santos National High School in Barangay Poblacion into an independent national high school and changing the name to be known as Edna Guillermo Memorial National High School.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education and Culture is hereby directed to take the necessary steps for the creation and operation of the Edna Guillermo Memorial National High School for immediate implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the operation of the school shall be funded out of appropriations for the Department of Education and Culture intended for national high schools. Thereafter, the sum necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.