

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 2726



Introduced by Representative Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the existing PNS-San Rafael Annex in Barangay San Rafael, Puerto Princesa City from the Palawan National School-Main and converting the same into a national high school to be known as the San Rafael National High School, and appropriating funds therefore.

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".

Barangay San Rafael lies at the northern part of Puerto Princesa City, about seventy (70) kilometers away from the city proper. The residents are composed of fishermen and other vegetable and livestock growers. An annex school of the Palawan National School was put up through the joint efforts and contributions of the barangay council, the parents and the City Government, which until now are financially burdened with its operation and maintenance.

The existing two classrooms and teaching personnel however, are no longer adequate to meet the demands of the growing student population. Considering the hundreds of high school-age youths therein who are in need of adequate quality secondary education for their effective participation in development and economic transformation.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE PNS-SAN RAFAEL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, FROM THE PALAWAN NATIONAL SCHOOL-MAIN AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, 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 existing PNS-San Rafael Annex in Barangay San
2 Rafael, Puerto Princesa city, Province of Palawan, is hereby separated from
3 the Palawan National School-Main and the same is hereby converted into a
4 national high school to be known as the San Rafael National High School.

5 **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue the
6 necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act.

7 **SEC. 3.** All personnel, records, assets and properties including
8 buildings, sites, and the improvements thereof, obligations, funds and
9 appropriations of the PNS-San Rafael Annex School are hereby transferred to
10 the San Rafael National High School.

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

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

15 **Approved.**