

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3714

Introduced by **HON. ANTONIO C. ALVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the conversion of the Coron School of Fisheries-Borac Annex in Bgy. Borac, Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan into a national high school to be known as the Borac National High School.

Bgy. Borac is one of the biggest barangays in the town of Coron. As of the 2000 census, it has a total population of 1,651 residents making it one of the rapidly growing barangays in the area.

For many years, Borac did not have a high school and its young people and those from nearby barangays had to make the long trip to the town proper for their secondary education. Because of the expense that this entailed, many of the students no longer continued with their education due to poverty.

Recognizing the urgent need to provide quality secondary education for the youth of Borac and the nearby barangays of Turda, Buenavista and Malawig which have a combined population of 4,779 residents, the Department of Education decided to open the Coron School of Fisheries-Borac Annex.

However, while the opening of Coron School of Fisheries-Borac Annex has given the students a more accessible educational institution, it is unfortunate that funding support for the operations of the annexed-school is severely insufficient. This has adversely affected its operations and the quality of education that it provides.

The conversion of the school into an independent and nationally-funded high school will definitely improve its situation. Additional teachers may be hired and appropriate instructional materials and facilities may be acquired for the use of the faculty and students alike.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CORON SCHOOL OF FISHERIES ANNEX AT BORAC IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BORAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion of a National High School.* - The Coron School of Fisheries – Borac Annex in the Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Borac National High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* - All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Coron School of Fisheries – Borac Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Borac National High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Borac National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Borac National High School and thereafter in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* - The Department of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,