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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. 4723



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Libacao National Forestry Vocational High School – Guadalupe Extension in Barangay Guadalupe, Municipality of Libacao, Province of Aklan into an independent national high school to be known as the Guadalupe National High School and appropriating funds therefor.

Section 17, Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, acceleration social progress and promote total human liberation and development. To fulfill this constitutional mandate, the State allocates the biggest portion of its budget to education. This is in recognition of the power of education to equalize opportunities for the people. However, equalizing access to education has a long way to go. While the mandate is to provide free elementary and secondary education, the extent of its implementation is far from ideal. The private sector still accounts for a considerable percentage of the burden of educating our youth inasmuch as facilities and manpower are lacking.

In the Municipality of Libacao, Province of Aklan, for instance, public secondary institutions can hardly meet the growing number of enrollees such that the Libacao National Forestry Vocational High School has to set up an extension in Barangay Guadalupe to accommodate the growing number of high school entrants. But given the trend in the enrolment, the present facilities of the extension school can no longer sustain the demand. There is therefore the need to establish an independent national high school that would be able to absorb the student-enrolees.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LIBACAO NATIONAL FORESTRY VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GUADALUPE EXTENSION IN BARANGAY GUADALUPE, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBACAO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUADALUPE 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. **Separation and Conversion Into a National High School** – The Libacao National Forestry Vocational High School - Extension in Barangay Guadalupe, Municipality of Libacao, Province of Aklan, is hereby separated from the Libacao National Forestry Vocational High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Guadalupe National High School.

SEC 2. **Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Libacao National Forestry Vocational High School – Guadalupe Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Guadalupe National High School.

SEC 3. **Appropriations** - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Guadalupe National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 4. **Implementation** - The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry-out the purpose of this Act.

SEC 5. **Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,