

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5474



Introduced by Honorable FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

EXPLANTORY NOTE

This bill seeks to integrate the Rawis National High School and Rawis Elementary School in Barangay Rawis, Bacon District, Sorsogon City, to be known as the Rawis Integrated School.

The Rawis National High School is the only school that caters to the youth in Barangay Rawis and its neighboring barangays. It is noted for excellence in almost twelve years of its operation but its ever growing population requires additional facilities. Presently, the school officials experience serious problem accommodating new enrollees.

The City Government of Sorsogon, including other concerned government and non-government agencies, are willing to donate funds for additional school buildings. Unfortunately, there is no available space for the construction of such additional buildings.

The nearby Rawis Elementary School, however, has an area of almost 10,000 square meters with only two single-storey buildings constructed thereon. Thus, in response too the appeal of its constituents in Barangay Rawis, the *Sangguniang Barangay* deemed it best to integrated the Rawis National High School and the Rawis Elementary School into a Rawis Integrated School.

The integration of the two educational institutions will now provide a location site for additional high school buildings. It will further address the need for more functional and financially stable educational institution, thus, greatly improving and promoting the quality of education of the youth in the area.

This proposed measure is in line with the constitutional mandate of giving priority to education to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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**AN ACT INTEGRATING THE RAWIS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
RAWIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RAWIS, BACON
DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE RAWIS
INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The Rawis National High School and Rawis Elementary School in Barangay Rawis, Bacon District, Sorsogon City, is hereby integrated into one school to be known as the Rawis Integrated School.

SEC. 2. The Rawis Integrated School shall be headed by a principal to be appointed by the Secretary of Education. The incumbent teacher in-charge shall continue to act as such until the successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

SEC. 3. All the assets, fixed and movable, personnel and records of the Rawis National High School and Rawis Elementary School are hereby transferred to the Rawis Integrated School: *Provided*, That the positions, rights and security of tenure of personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the integration shall not be impaired.

SEC. 4. All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Rawis National High School and the Rawis Elementary School are hereby declared to be the property of the Rawis Integrated School and shall be titled under such name: *Provided*, That should the Rawis Integrated School cease to exist or is abolished or

such parcel of land is no longer needed by the Rawis Integrated School, the same shall revert to Sorsogon City.

SEC. 5. The Department of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provision of this Act.

SEC. 6. Immediately upon approval of this Act, the Rawis Integrated School shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,