

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5690



Introduced by Hon. Roque R. Ablan, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV – EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORTS, Sec. 5.(1), of the Constitution expressly guarantees the following: “The State shall take into account regional and sectoral needs and conditions and shall encourage local planning in the development of educational policies and programs.”

Pursuant to and in conformity with the provisions of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Local School Board of the Municipality of Vintar, Province of Ilocos Norte, heeded the clamor of parents in the Pallas valley, a community of Vintar composed of four clustered barangays, whose children have already entered the secondary level in the process of their education; and who are burdened by the rigors of daily commuting to their high school located in the Poblacion 15 kilometers away. About one hundred (100) pupils graduate yearly from the 3 elementary schools in Pallas valley with no option but to pursue their secondary education either at two private high schools in the Poblacion or in neighboring Piddig municipality, or even in Laoag City.

Needless to state, the present situation has been a tremendous financial drain on the parents of the school children of Pallas valley -- not to mention the hazards the children have to face in commuting daily to school..

As a practicable solution to the problem, the Vintar local school board approved the establishment of an integrated school program fusing the elementary level with that of the secondary. In consequence, the most feasible venue to be arrived at is deemed to be the Pallas Elementary School because of its accessibility to all feeder schools in the locality, which, thereafter shall be called the Pallas Integrated School.

In light whereof, it is earnestly hoped this bill will be approved.


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE PALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN VINTAR, ILOCOS NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALLAS INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. *Conversion into an Integrated School.* – The Pallas Elementary School in the Municipality of Vintar, Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as the Pallas Integrated School.

Section 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Pallas Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Pallas Integrated School.

Section 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Pallas Integrated School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Pallas Elementary School and thereafter in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. - *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

Approved,

