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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

Introduced by HON. FLORENCIO C. GARAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is, in each child, a potential towards greatness. A potential that need only be stimulated, harnessed, and guided. This is the task of our educators – to mold the minds of our children towards becoming the responsible leaders of tomorrow.

Bislig City National High School (BCNHS) was created by the State to ensure that the Bisliganons of Surigao del Sur are given access to affordable quality secondary education. However, parents and barangay officials of Barangay Sta. Cruz in Bislig City, concerned with the risks of having their children travel 11.7 kilometers to the main Bislig City National High School, decided to establish an annex in their own barangay. In 1996, the Bislig City National High School-Sta. Cruz Annex was formed.

More than a decade has passed, and Sta. Cruz Annex has gained acclaim and distinction as an academic institution in its own right. Its separation from Bislig City National High School and its conversion into an independent national high school will enhance the development of both Sta. Cruz Annex and Bislig City National High School and enable them to focus on and address the needs of their respective students more fully.

Pursuant to Section 1, Article XIV of the Constitution, this bill seeks to separate the Bislig City National High School-Sta. Cruz Annex in Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur from its parent, the Bislig City National High School, and convert it into an *independent* national high school known as the **STA. CRUZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**.

In view of its national and local importance, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
SEPARATING BISLIG CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-STA. CRUZ
ANNEX IN BARANGAY STA. CRUZ, CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF
SURIGAO DEL SUR FROM THE BISLIG CITY NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STA. CRUZ 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 an Independent National High School-* The Bislig City National High School-Sta. Cruz Annex in Brgy. Sta. Cruz, City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur is hereby separated from the Bislig City National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the **STA. CRUZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL;**

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities-* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Bislig City National High School-Sta. Cruz Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by Sta. Cruz National High School;

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Sta. Cruz National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Bislig City National High School-Sta. Cruz Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,