

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6504

Introduced by Representative **MANUEL S. AGYAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Kalinga National High School- Salegseg Annex in Barangay Salegseg in the Municipality of Balbalan, Province of Kalinga, from its mother school the Kalinga National High School and convert it into a separate and independent national high school to be known as the Balbalan National High School.

Barangay Salegseg, the capital of the Municipality of Balbalan, has only one private school and no public high school. The nearest public high school is the Balbalan Agro-Industrial High School in Barangay Balantoy which is quite far from the Poblacion. Students from Poblacion Salegseg and Barangays Pantikian, Mabaca and Gawaan who cannot afford to pay the tuition and miscellaneous fees of the private high school, have to hike rugged roads and terrains for six to four hours to reach the Balbalan Agro Industrial High School. Rides are rare and even costly for their meager budget. Due to the far distance, many students from these barangays have dropped out from high school and opted to work in farms or community mines. Kalinga National High School-Salegseg Annex was then opened to accommodate these indigent students. Basing on the number of enrollees each year since its opening, there is sustainability in terms of clientele size with an indication that it will increase in number in the coming years. In as much as many students and drop-outs have expressed their desires to enroll and finish secondary education in this annex school, it is now the clamor of the community and the officialdom of Balbalan to separate Salegseg Annex and become an independent national high school to be known as the Balbalan National High School. It is projected that Salegseg extension operating independently from the mother school will serve as an effective tool in promoting quality education and will consequently improve the economic and social conditions of the people in this part of the country.

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


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AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL- SALEGSEG ANNEX IN BARANGAY SALEGSEG, MUNICIPALITY OF BALBALAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BALBALAN 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 Kalinga National High School- Salegseg Annex in Barangay Salegseg, Municipality of Balbalan, Province of Kalinga is hereby separated from Kalinga National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Balbalan National High School.

SECTION 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Kalinga National High School- Salegseg Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Balbalan National High School

SECTION 3. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Balbalan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Kalinga National High School- Salegseg 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.