

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

16th Congress

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 765



Introduced by Representative **MANUEL S. AGYAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Rizal National School of Arts and Trades- Santor Extension in Barangay Santor in the Municipality of Rizal, Kalinga from its mother school the Rizal National School of Arts and Trades and convert it into a separate and independent national high school to be known as the Santor National High School. This is a refiled bill from the 15th Congress but has not passed into law due to time constraints.

Seated on a 2.6 hectares lot donated by the undersigned, almost along the national highway connecting the Provinces of Isabela, Kalinga and Cagayan, the Rizal National School of Arts and Trades- Santor Extension is undoubtedly a promising public secondary institution on account of its ideal location, the impressive support of the officials and stakeholders and the commitment and competence of its personnel. It was opened a few years back due to the fact that 95% of the residents of the four feeder barangays lives below poverty line and could not afford to send their children to the nearest schools some ten to fifteen kilometers away. At present, Rizal National School of Arts and Trades- Santor Extension has a personnel strength of six, including the teacher-in-charge, only two of which are of permanent status and the four are volunteer teachers. Nevertheless, this condition has never become an impediment in making this school truly competitive as its participation in the division and regional levels in academic competitions has been remarkable. Furthermore, 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 for the next school years to come, thus it now warrants its independence from the mother school.

With the creation of Santor Extension into Santor National High School, the capability of the said school as catalyst of change will be boosted. As secondary education becomes less costly in this part of the country, more and more of our people may adopt secondary education as an effective vehicle for development. It is a generally accepted fact that better accessibility to quality education will not only improve the economic life of the people but even their social and political conditions. It is projected that Santor Extension operating independently from the mother school will serve as an effective tool in promoting the thrust on "Quality Education For All". As the government is brought closer to the people in this part of the archipelago, they are also drawn further away from the dangerous clutches of insurgency, juvenile delinquency, crimes, ignorance and poverty. With a more enlightened citizenry, the hope for a more peaceful and prosperous community becomes more of a reality than a dream to our people in Rizal, Kalinga.

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


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AN ACT SEPARATING RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES-SANTOR EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SANTOR, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTOR 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 Rizal National School of Arts and Trades-Santor Extension in Barangay Santor, Municipality of Rizal, Province of Kalinga is hereby separated from Rizal National School of Arts and Trades and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Santor National High School.

SECTION 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Rizal National School of Arts and Trades- Santor Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Santor National High School.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Santor National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Rizal National School of Arts and Trades-Santor Extension. 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.