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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1394



Introduced by HON. FLORENCIO C. GARAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It has been said that the road to our nation's progress is through the youth. Thus, the State has taken an active interest in the rearing and education of our youth, safeguarding their right to quality and affordable education relevant to the needs of today's society. This responsibility extends to the secondary level, ensuring that all Filipinos are given access to affordable and quality secondary education.

Bislig City National High School-Maharliika Annex came as the answer to the prayers of the people of Brgy. Maharliika. With the opening of its doors in 1983, their children were relieved from the burden of hiking ten kilometers and back, and from the high cost of transportation fares. However, through the years, the number of students grew. New graduates from the nearby San Roque Elementary School, SEAG Elementary School, Coletto Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School and Maharliika Elementary School, as well as out-of-school-youths willing to give education a second try, flocked to Maharliika Annex. The Annex now finds itself ill-equipped to meet the growing number of students.

The timely intervention of the State would enable Maharliika Annex to continue its mission of educating the students of Brgy. Maharliika and its neighboring towns. With its conversion into a national high school, the children of Brgy. Maharliika could be assured of perpetual access to quality education, and allow them to hope for a brighter future.

This bill proposes to separate the Bislig City National High School-Maharlika Annex situated in Brgy. Maharlika, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur, from its mother school, the Bislig City National High School, converting it into an independent national high school to be known as the **MAHARLIKA 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 THE BISLIG CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL- MAHARLIKA ANNEX IN BARANGAY MAHARLIKA, 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 MAHARLIKA 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-Maharlika Annex in Barangay Maharlika, City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur, is hereby separated from Bislig City National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the **MAHARLIKA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL;**

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

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Maharlika National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Bislig City National High School-Maharlika 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,