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HOUSE BILL NO. 1456



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE XAVIER JESUS "XJ" D. ROMUALDO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure was originally filed by the late Representative Pedro Romualdo in the previous Congress.

It is a widely, and perhaps even universally, held and accepted postulate that education is the key to combating poverty and the foundation for the improvement of one's station in life. Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Section 2 of the same Article provides, among other things, that the State shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.

The Municipality of Sagay in the Province of Camiguin is composed of nine (9) barangays and, based on the 2010 Census of Population and Housing of the National Statistics Office, has a population of 11,873. Sagay has two (2) public national high schools – the Eulalio Pabillore National High School in Barangay Poblacion and the Alangilan Integrated School in Barangay Alangilan. Also in Sagay is the Holy Rosary High School, a private school in Barangay Poblacion with a current total enrollment of 258 students. These high schools are located some kilometers away from Barangay Bugang where the Bugang Elementary School, which, if this measure is passed, will be converted into the Bugang Integrated School, is located.

A considerable number of parents from Bugang and nearby barangays, hard up due to meager income, have expressed great hardship in providing the financial means for the secondary education of their children. In addition to expenses for clothing, food, learning materials, and school supplies, these parents also expend considerable amounts for the commute of their children to and from the far off high schools in Sagay. It would certainly be of big help to the underprivileged families of Sagay if their children were able to attend a school that is accessible by travel on foot. Indeed, there has long been a clamor in the community that another public high school near the area be established.

The student population of the proposed Bugang Integrated School will mainly come from the four (4) nearby elementary schools. Moreover, a rise in the student-participation is expected to result from the opening of the new high school in the area. In addition, the conversion of the Bugang Elementary School into the Bugang Integrated School would result in savings on the part of the government as the facilities of the existing school may be utilized for the incoming students, with only standard repairs and refurbishment required.

The establishment of the Bugang Integrated School is a positive step towards not only fulfilling the Constitution's promise of making quality education accessible to all but also reducing social and economic inequalities. Hence, the kind and favorable support of the Members of Congress for the prompt and timely passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BUGANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUGANG,
MUNICIPALITY OF SAGAY, CAMIGUIN INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE BUGANG INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Conversion into an Integrated School. – The Bugang Elementary School in Barangay Bugang, Municipality of Sagay, Province of Camiguin is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as the Bugang Integrated School.

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

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

Section 4. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 5. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect immediately after the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,