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HOUSE BILL NO. 1478



Introduced by HON. FLORENCIO C. GARAY

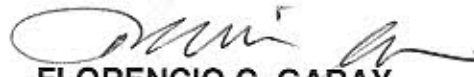
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is essential for progress. "*Ang edukasyon ang unang lakang sa kalambuan.*" Thus, in order to prepare the youth in assuming the responsibilities of leadership and make them productive members of our society, we need to take an active interest in the rearing and education of our youth, safeguarding their right to quality and affordable education. This is consonant with the mandate of Section 1, Article XIV of the Constitution providing all children access to quality education up to the secondary level.

Bislig City National High School-Sikahoy Annex, one of the ten annexes of Bislig City National High School, was established to educate and develop the potential of our children in the forested areas of Sikahoy, mainly belonging to the tribe of the Manobos. Today, Sikahoy Annex boasts of three (3) classrooms, a multi-purpose hall, a science laboratory building, a home economics building and soon, an industrial building, to address the educational needs of its students. However, much remains to be done to make the students of Sikahoy Annex abreast with modern times and enable the tribal children to adapt and survive its challenges. For this reason, the State is asked to step in and fulfill its task of safeguarding our children's right to quality and affordable education.

This bill seeks to separate Sikahoy Annex from its parent, Bislig City National High School, and convert it into an *independent* **SIKAHOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** so that the tribal children of Sitio Sikahoy and its neighboring sitios could aspire to a brighter future.

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-SIKAHOY ANNEX IN SITIO SIKAHOY, BARANGAY SAN JOSE, 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 SIKAHOY 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-Sikahoy Annex in Sitio Sikahoy, Barangay San Jose, 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 **SIKAHOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL;**

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

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