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House Bill No. **1539**



Introduced by Representative Guillermo A. Romarate, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay San Francisco (formerly, Hacienda) in the Municipality of Mainit, Province of Surigao del Norte is separated from the poblacion by hilly terrain, rice paddies and forested expanse. High school students of this barangay converged in Matin-ao National High School-Hacienda Annex with full enthusiasm to finish their secondary education. Year by year, the enrollees' number increases and the Matin-ao National High School-Hacienda Annex had difficulty in serving these young boys and girls with quality education due to its limited funding from the local government of Mainit.

To give the pupils in this area easy access to secondary education, which is their basic right, and to include them among the educated youth who will be the hope of our country, the conversion of Matin-ao National High School-Hacienda Annex into a National High School is imperative.

Approval of this Bill, is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE MATIN-AO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-HACIENDA ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN FRANCISCO, MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS HACIENDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. **Conversion of a National High School** – The Matin-ao National High School-Hacienda Annex in Barangay San Francisco, Municipality of Mainit, Province of Surigao del Norte is hereby converted to national high school to be known as Hacienda National High School.

SEC. 2. **Transfer of Assets and Liabilities** .- All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Matin-ao National High School- Hacienda Annex shall be transferred to and absorbed by the Hacienda National High School.

SEC. 3. **Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the, the initial funding of Hacienda National High School which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Matin-ao National High School-Hacienda Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

SEC. 5. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the **Official Gazette.**

Approved,