

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

Sixteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1572



Introduced by **Hon. Frederick F. Abueg**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to provide the youth of Barangay Sowangan in the Municipality of Quezon, Province of Palawan, access to quality secondary education by converting the Tagusao National High School – Sowangan Extension into a separate and distinct national high school from the Tagusao National High School, to be known as SOWANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Tagusao National High School – Sowangan Extension was established on June 4, 2009. It has been dependent on Tagusao National High School as a source of funding since its four years of establishment. The continuous increase in the number of enrollees of Sowangan Extension shows that students recognize the tremendous value of education in shaping the future and alleviating poverty. Moreover, in order for the school to function effectively and efficiently, a regular source of funds every school year must be sufficient. It can only be realized by making it a distinct institution and funding therefor included in the annual General Appropriations Act. Furthermore, the separation and conversion into a national high school will improve the administration of both Sowangan Extension and Tagusao National High School in terms of addressing the needs of its students.

The Sowangan Extension High School was issued permit to operate by the Regional Director of Region IV-B, Department of Education, pursuant to the request of local government officials of Quezon, Palawan, after compliance with necessary requirements therefor.

This bill is recommended for approval, consistent with Article XIV Section One of the 1987 Constitution which mandates 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.”

In accordance with the State’s policy of providing quality education for its citizens, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAGUSAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SOWANGAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SOWANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE TAGUSAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS SOWANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.*– The
2 Tagusao National High School – Sowangan Extension in Barangay Sowangan,
3 Municipality of Quezon, Province of Palawan, is hereby converted into a separate and
4 distinct national high school from the Tagusao National High School, to be known as
5 Sowangan National High School.

6 SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities
7 and records of the Tagusao National High School – Sowangan Extension are hereby
8 transferred to and absorbed by the Sowangan National High School.

9 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The funds necessary for the continued operation and
10 maintenance of the Sowangan National High School shall be included in the General
11 Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

14 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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