

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



Sixteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1575

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Vito Pechangco Memorial National High School – Samariñana Extension located in Barangay Samariñana, Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan, into a separate and distinct national high school from the Vito Pechangco Memorial National High School, to be known as SAMARIÑANA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Vito Pechangco Memorial National High School – Samariñana Extension was established on June 16, 2010. It obtains its funding for operations from its mother school, the Vito Pechangco Memorial National High School. The continuous increase in the number of enrollees of Samariñana Annex 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 Samariñana Annex and Vito Pechangco Memorial National High School in terms of addressing the needs of its students.

The Samariñana 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 Brooke's Point, 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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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 Vito Pechangco Memorial National High School – Samariñana Extension in Barangay
3 Samariñana, Municipality of Brooke’s Point, Province of Palawan, is hereby
4 converted into a separate and distinct national high school from the Vito Pechangco
5 Memorial National High School, to be known as Samariñana National High School.

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

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

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

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

Approved,

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