

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1701



Introduced by Representative **MANUEL S. AGYAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill is a refiled bill from the 15th Congress which had not passed into law due to time constraints. It seeks to separate the Kalinga National High School-Ambato Tinglayan Annex in Barangay Ambato-Legleg, Tinglayan, Province of Kalinga from its mother school the Kalinga National High School and convert it into a separate and independent national high school to be known as Ambato Tinglayan National High School.

Ambato-Legleg is two kilometers away from the Poblacion and is located at the eastern part of the Municipality of Tinglayan. Students from Ambato-Legleg and its nearby barangays who cannot afford to pay the tuition and miscellaneous fees in the private school located near them have to hike three to six hours to reach the nearest public high school. Due to the far distance, many have opted to drop out from high school. The opening of the Kalinga National High School- Ambato Tinglayan Annex gave the students and the out-of-school youths the chance to finish secondary education.

With the conversion of KNHS-Ambato Tinglayan Annex into an independent national high school, the capability of the school as catalyst of change will be boosted. It is a generally accepted fact that better accessibility to education will not only improve the economic life of the people but even their social and political conditions. As the government is brought closer to the people in this part of the country, our children are also drawn further away from the dangerous clutches of insurgency, juvenile delinquency, crimes, ignorance and poverty.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT SEPARATING KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL- AMBATO TINGLAYAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY AMBATO-LEGLEG, MUNICIPALITY OF TINGLAYAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS AMBATO TINGLAYAN 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 a National High School. The Kalinga National High School- Ambato Tinglayan Annex in Barangay Ambato-Legleg, Municipality of Tinglayan, Province of Kalinga is hereby separated from Kalinga National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Ambato Tinglayan National High School.

SECTION 2. Transfer of Assets and liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Kalinga National High School-Ambato Tinglayan Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Ambato Tinglayan National High School.

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