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House Bill No. **1716**



Introduced by Representative Guillermo A. Romarate, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Poctoy in Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte is a barangay in the city's Western front, separated from the city proper by hilly terrain, rice paddies and forested expanse. High school students of this barangay converged in Mat-i National High School-Poctoy High School Annex with full enthusiasm to finish their secondary education. Year by year, the enrollees' number increases and the Mat-i National High School-Poctoy High School Annex had difficulty in serving these young boys and girls with quality education due to its limited funding from the City government.

To give the students in this barangay 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 Mat-i National High School-Poctoy High School Annex into a National High School is imperative.

Approval of this Bill, is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE MAT-I NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-POCTOY HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY POCTOY, SURIGAO CITY INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS WILFREDO D. RAFOLS MEMORIAL 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 Mat-i National High School-Mabini High School Annex in Barangay Poctoy, Surigao City, is hereby converted to national high school to be known as Wilfredo D. Rafols Memorial National High School.

SEC. 2. **Transfer of Assets and Liabilities** .- All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Mat-i National High School-Mabini High School Annex shall be transferred to and absorbed by the Wilfredo D. Rafols Memorial National High School.

SEC. 3. **Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Wilfredo D. Rafols Memorial National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Mat-i National High School-Mabini High School 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,