

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1831



Introduced by HON. FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ

This bill seeks to separate the Colongulo National High School – Libertad National High School Annex from the Libertad National High School in the Municipality of Surallah, Province of South Cotabato, and convert it into an independent high school to be known as Colongulo National High School.

Its main objective is to source an annual budget directly from the national government that will be utilized for the operation of Colongulo National High School, both completely and independently from the mother school. This will enable the school to uplift the quality of education that it offers by optimizing its resources for better administration and management.

Furthermore, with the enactment of this bill, Colongulo National High School will be able to absorb the projected number of students coming from primary schools in Colongulo and adjacent barangays. This number has steadily increased from a total of one hundred and fifty-four (154) students, who enrolled in the first two years of high school when it opened as an annex of Libertad High School in 2004, to five hundred thirty-five (535) students who will be expected to enroll in the first four years of high school under the second year of implementation of the K to 12 system in SY 2014 – 2015.

Cognizant of the contributory role of national high schools in promoting the quality of education of our youth towards the goal of nation-building, the Sangguniang Barangay of Colongulo, Surallah, with the support of the Parents and Teachers Association of Colongulo National High School – Libertad National High School Annex, have unanimously approved a resolution calling for the enactment of this measure.

In view of the impelling reasons cited, support for the legislation of the bill is earnestly requested.



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Introduced by Representative Ferdinand L. Hernandez

AN ACT

SEPARATING THE COLONGULO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LIBERTAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY COLONGULO, MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO FROM THE LIBERTAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS COLONGULO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.* The Colongulo National High School – Libertad National High School Annex in Barangay Colongulo, Municipality of Surallah, Province of South Cotabato is hereby separated from the Libertad National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Colongulo National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Colongulo National High School – Libertad National High School Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Colongulo National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Colongulo National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Colongulo National High School – Libertad National 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,