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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 2018

Introduced by **HON. FRANZ "CHICOY" E. ALVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the conversion of the Panlaitan Barangay High School in Barangay Panlaitan, Municipality of Busuanga, Province of Palawan into a national high school to be known as the Panlaitan High School.

Barangay Panlaitan is an island barangay that is about an hour away by banca from the center of the Municipality of Busuanga where the nearest high school is located. It is a fishing village with a rapidly growing population which as of the 2000 census numbered more than 2,000 residents.

Because of its distance from the nearest secondary school, the barangay government of Panlaitan, with the full support of its constituents, undertook the opening of a barangay high school which will cater to the needs of its young people.

For several years, the school has relied on the meager support of the municipal and barangay governments for its operations. Needless to say, the budgetary support is severely insufficient thus adversely affecting the quality of instruction and efficient administration of the school.

The conversion of the school into an independent and nationally-funded high school will definitely improve its situation. Additional teachers may be hired and appropriate instructional materials and facilities may be acquired for the use of the faculty and students alike.

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


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE PANLAITAN BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANLAITAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BUSUANGA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANLAITAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion of a National High School.* The Panlaitan Barangay High School in Barangay Panlaitan, Municipality of Busuanga, Province of Palawan, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Panlaitan National High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All assets, movable and immovable, and records of the Panlaitan Barangay High School, as well as its liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the Panlaitan National High School; Provided however, the positions, rights and security of tenure of academic and non-academic personnel who choose to remain and serve in the new school shall not be impaired.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Panlaitan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Panlaitan National High School and thereafter in the General appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* The Department of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.