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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2080



Introduced by REP. ANTHONY G. DEL ROSARIO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

"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."

Such is the mandate enshrined in Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

This bill seeks to separate Sua-on National High School – Florida Extension in Barangay Florida, Municipality of Kapalong, Province of Davao del Norte, converting it into an independent national high school, to be known as Florida National High School, for the primary purpose of realizing the aforementioned constitutional mandate.

Barangay Florida has a population of more than five thousand people whose main livelihood is farming while some engage in small scale businesses.

Because there are no existing high schools in vicinity, elementary school children from four feeder schools would find it difficult to avail of quality secondary education. They are left with no choice but to make use of the limited resources afforded by Sua-on National High School – Florida Extension.

Its separation and conversion into an independent national high school will ensure better funding and administration to cope up with the increasing number of students. It is also seen as the National Government's expression of promoting quality education in the countryside.

Thus, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE SUA-ON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – FLORIDA EXTENSION IN BARANGAY FLORIDA, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPALONG, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE FROM THE SUA-ON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS FLORIDA 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 Sua-on National High School – Florida Extension in Barangay Florida, Municipality of Kapalong, Province of Davao del Norte is hereby separated from the Sua-on National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Florida National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Sua-on National High School – Florida Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Florida National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Florida National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of Sua-on National High School – Florida Extension. 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 Official Gazette.

Approved,