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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2081



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 Limbaan National High School – Sta. Fe Extension in Barangay Sta. Fe, Municipality of New Corella, Province of Davao del Norte, converting it into an independent national high school, to be known as Sta. Fe National High School, for the primary purpose of realizing the aforementioned constitutional mandate.

Barangay Sta. Fe has a population of more than three thousand people whose main livelihood is farming.

Because of the distance of only one high school in the area, elementary school children from six 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 Limbaan National High School – Sta. Fe 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 likewise 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 LIMBAAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – STA. FE EXTENSION IN BARANGAY STA. FE, MUNICIPALITY OF NEW CORELLA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE FROM THE LIMBAAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STA. FE 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 Limbaan National High School – Sta. Fe Extension in Barangay Sta. Fe, Municipality of New Corella, Province of Davao del Norte is hereby separated from the Limbaan National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Sta. Fe National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Limbaan National High School – Sta. Fe Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Sta. Fe National High School.

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