



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



SIXTEENTH (16th) CONGRESS
First (1st) Regular Session

House Bill No. **2336**

Introduced by **HON. VICENTE F. BELMONTE, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill pursues to separate the Tomas Cabili National High School – Sta. Elena Annex (TCNHS-Sta. Elena Annex) situated in Barangay Sta. Elena, Iligan City, from its mother or administrative school, the Tomas Cabili National High School (TCNHS), and converting it from an annex school into an independent national high school to be known as the Sta. Elena National High School (SENHS).

The passage of this proposed measure is intended to address the very need for a more functional, independent and financially stable secondary school and to promote fair accessibility and quality education for all secondary students in the above-mentioned barangay and its adjacent barangays. Indeed, accessibility to quality education that extends to the poorest of the poor has been one of the national government's thrusts in eradicating poverty as it is henceforth elucidated by way of the passage of this bill.

This bill has already gained approval of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture as House Bill No. 3565 during the Fifteenth (15th) Congress.

In light of the foregoing, in cognizance of the policy of the State to accessible and quality education for all its citizens, this representation respectfully seeks the immediate approval of this earnest bill.


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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE TOMAS CABILI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – STA. ELENA ANNEX (TCNHS–STA. ELENA ANNEX) FROM ITS MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE TOMAS CABILI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (TCNHS), AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STA. ELENA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (SENHS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion.* The Tomas Cabili National High School – Sta. Elena Annex (TCNHS –Sta. Elena Annex) in Barangay Sta. Elena, Iligan City, Province of Lanao Del Norte, is hereby separated from Tomas Cabili National High School (TCNHS) and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Sta. Elena National High School (SENHS).

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Tomas Cabili National High School – Sta. Elena Annex (TCNHS –Sta. Elena Annex) are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Sta. Elena National High School (SENHS).

SEC. 3. *Appropriation.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the program of the Department of Education

(DepEd) the operationalization of the Sta. Elena National High School (SENHS), the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Tomas Cabili National High School (TCNHS). 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 the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED,