



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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

House Bill No. 2337

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill pursues to separate the Iligan City National High School – Pala-o Annex (ICNHS -Pala-o Annex) situated in Barangay Pala-o, Iligan City, from its mother or administrative school, the Iligan City National High School (ICNHS), and converting it from an annex school into an independent national high school to be known as the Pala-o National High School (PNHS).

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 was approved by the House as substitute House Bill No. 6823 and was already transmitted to the Senate 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.

REP. VICENTE F. BELMONTE, JR.



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House Bill No. **2337**

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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE ILIGAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PALA-O ANNEX (ICNHS - PALA-O ANNEX) FROM ITS MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE ILIGAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (ICNHS), AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALA-O NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (PNHS) 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 Iligan City National High School – Pala-o Annex (ICNHS –Pala-o Annex) in Barangay Pala-o, Iligan City, Province of Lanao Del Norte, is hereby separated from Iligan City National High School (ICNHS) and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Pala-o National High School (PNHS).

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Iligan City National High School – Pala-o Annex (ICNHS –Pala-o Annex) are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Pala-o National High School (PNHS).

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

(DepEd) the operationalization of the Pala-o National High School (PNHS), the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Iligan City National High School (ICNHS). 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,