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HOUSE BILL NO. **3154**



Introduced by Hon. Jerry P. Treñas

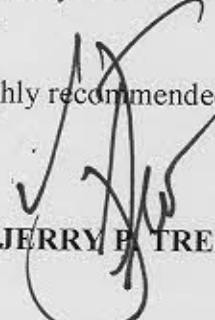
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. Moreover, the Constitution also states that the country should establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education which is relevant to the needs of the people and society.

Consistent with the Constitution and laws promoting the development of quality basic education, this legislative measure aims to convert the present Andres Bonifacio Elementary School in Barangay Jalandoni-Wilson, City Proper, Iloilo City into an integrated school. The school's conversion to an integrated school will help accommodate the numerous students coming from Brgy. Jalandoni-Wilson and the nearby communities of Brgy. Tanza-Bonifacio, Brgy. Tanza-Esperanza, Brgy. Hipodromo, Brgy. Tanza-Baybay, Brgy. Kahirupan, Brgy. Bagumbayan, Brgy. Malipayon and Brgy. Rizal Pala Pala 1 & 2. Most of the residents of these Iloilo City Barangays are laborers, vendors, drivers, laundrywomen, construction workers and small-scale businessmen who earn low income. It is therefore a must to have an integrated public school within the vicinity of these communities.

The namesake of the school, our revered hero GAT Andres Bonifacio, was forced to drop out of school when his parents died in order to earn a living to support his younger siblings. Nevertheless, he worked hard to educate himself through self-study and by reading books about the French Revolution and other significant literary works. Bonifacio had to sacrifice his formal education to support his younger siblings, but he always valued education and further learning. He fought, bled and died so that the future generations of Filipino students could benefit from the blessings of public education in a free society. Let us honor the memory of Andres Bonifacio by converting the school named in his honor into an integrated school.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is highly recommended.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE ANDRES BONIFACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY JALANDONI-WILSON, CITY PROPER DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO
AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ANDRES BONIFACIO
INTEGRATED SCHOOL**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines duly assembled:

Section 1. Conversion into an Integrated School. – The Andres Bonifacio Elementary School in Barangay Jalandoni-Wilson, City Proper District, Iloilo City is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Andres Bonifacio Integrated School.

Section 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Andres Bonifacio Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Andres Bonifacio Integrated School.

Section 3. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Andres Bonifacio Integrated School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,