

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3249



Introduced by: Hon. Rolando "Klarex" Uy

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The impending need for the delivery of quality education to every corner of the country needs to be one of the key issues that ought to be swiftly addressed by the State, especially as we recognize that the most certain means through which the socio-economic progress could be achieved is through the education of the youth. Unfortunately, for most people in the country living in the outskirts of urban centers, access to basic educational levels remain elusive. Limited by various factors, residents in these areas are forced to content themselves with ill-equipped and significantly underfunded schools or virtually distant ones.

In San Simon, Cagayan de Oro City, education officials have sought to address the above mentioned concerns by building a secondary school in their locality, the San Simon National High School. However, the San Simon National High School was only created as an annex of the Iponan National High School, located eight (8) kilometers away from San Simon. As an annex school, the concerns of San Simon National High School are often not prioritized by the mother school. The school lacks facilities and solely relies on the goodwill of San Simon Elementary School, as attested by the three (3) classrooms lent by the latter in order to accommodate the number of enrollees of the former. Furthermore, San Simon NHS is unable to make major decisions for itself since it is only an annex school and must thus defer to the mother school regarding key matters. The entire situation has been greatly hindering the school's efforts to cater specifically to the need of its students as well as in developing its own system.

This bill seeks to address the situation by separating the San Simon NHS from its mother school, the Iponan National High School. By doing so, the school will gain more freedom in making decisions that would best benefit its students and even the greater community. Education ought to be a right, a basic service instead of the luxury it seems in this country. It remains the most effective way of molding the youth into becoming law-abiding and productive citizens.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE IPONAN NATIONAL HIGHSCHOOL – SAN SIMON ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN SIMON, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, FROM THE IPONAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN SIMON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1. SECTION 1. *Separation and conversion into a National High School.* The Iponan
2. National High School – San Simon Annex in Barangay San Simon, City of Cagayan de Oro,
3. is hereby separated from the Iponan National High School and converted into an
4. independent national high school to be known as San Simon National High School.
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6. SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and
7. records of the Iponan National High School – San Simon Annex are hereby transferred
8. to and absorbed by the San Simon National High School.
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10. SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include
11. in the Department's program the operationalization of the San Simon National High School
12. the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the
13. Iponan National High School – San Simon Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for
14. the continued operation of the school shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations
15. Act.
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17. SECTION 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and
18. regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this act.
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20. SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect (15) fifteen days after its publication
21. in the Official Gazette.
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23. Approved,