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HOUSE BILL NO. **3652**



Introduced by Representative **Isagani S. Amatong**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sec. 1, Art. XIV, 1987 Constitution: 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.

Our youths are the fair hope of our country. It is but imperative that they shall be afforded with the proper education, guidance and sufficient training for responsible citizenship made possible through educational institutions both public and private, religious or secular, whose duty and obligation is to impart basic knowledge, relevant information, and enhance the development of social skills and individual values and self discipline.

After the elementary level, the pursuit of the basic secondary education by the greater masses of our youth is drastically constrained due to the lack of secondary schools in strategic, and even remote rural areas. The State should provide if only to assure balanced socio-economic growth and an equitable, and vibrant democratic society.

Palandok is one of the barangays of Leon B. Postigo, Zamboanga del Norte situated along the coast and the national high way. Most of its residents belong to the indigenous Muslim tribes such as Samal, Tausug and Kalibugan. It is eight (8) kilometers away from the Poblacion, where the Bacungan National High School (main) is situated.

Consequently, the main high school opened an annex high school, in barangay Palandok in 1997.

Considering the financial needs of the main school for its improvement and development, clientele find its annex school to be deficient especially in regard to its supervision, infrastructure, facility, and manpower allocation, inspite of burgeoning student population. There is therefore a compelling need for the annex to be created into another school from main campus and let it stand on its own and evolve into an autonomous quality secondary school, more responsive to the needs of its own student population in the aforesaid locality.

The annex school represented by its head teacher and staff in cooperation with officials of the main school are willing to comply with all the requirements of the Department of Education.

Considering the province of Zamboanga del Norte, according to the National Statistics Coordination Board in 2012 as the 5th financially impaired province, and considering further that four (4) towns in the third district were included among the top twenty unprogressive/underdeveloped municipalities, pundits find the passage of this bill obviously an urgent necessity.


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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PALANDOK ANNEX IN BARANGAY PALANDOK, MUNICIPALITY OF LEON B. POSTIGO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PALANDOK 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 Bacungan National High School – Palandok Annex in Barangay Palandok, Municipality of Leon B. Postigo, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Bacungan National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Palandok National High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Bacungan National High School – Palandok Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Palandok National High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Palandok National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Bacungan National High School – Palandok Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school 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 purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.