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HOUSE BILL NO. **4808**

Introduced by Hon. Giorgidi B. Aggabao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 2, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides, in part, that *"The State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relative to the needs of the people and society."*

The Wigan Integrated School-Secondary, located in Barangay Wigan, Municipality of Cordon, Province of Isabela is 500 meters away from the elementary campus. This high school, which started its operation in 1993, sits on a 4.5 hectare land - a huge space ideal for learning and construction of high school facilities and classroom buildings. Its students population is comprised of the sons and daughters of the indigenous families displaced before by the Magat Dam Project of Isabela. Some also come from nearby provinces of Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino and Ifugao. Its average yearly enrolment does not go below 270 students. Since its operation, Wigan Integrated School- Secondary has produced competent graduates who have pursued higher learning and training.

The conversion of the Wigan Integrated School- Secondary as an independent high school will greatly benefit our growing number of students and its faculty members and personnel as it will be allocated a separate budget sufficient for an independent high school.

The approval of this bill is earnestly urged in order to meet the educational needs of our constituents, particularly the members of our indigenous people.


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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE WIGAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL-SECONDARY IN
BARANGAY WIGAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDON, PROVINCE OF
ISABELA FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS WIGAN
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 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 into a National High School. - The Wigan Integrated School-Secondary in Barangay Wigan, Municipality of Cordon, Province of Isabela is hereby separated from the Elementary School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Wigan National High School.

Section 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. - All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Wigan Integrated School-Secondary are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Wigan National High School.

Section 3. Appropriation. - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Wigan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Wigan Integrated School-Secondary. 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 rules and regulations that 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.

Approved.