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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. **5323**



Introduced by **Representative WILFREDO S. CAMINERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The education of our youth remains to be one of the paramount concerns the government needs to address. Even so, the forthcoming ASEAN integration dictates us to do something to upgrade our education system and consequently arm our children with the necessary qualities to be at par with our regional counterparts in Asia.

As mandated in Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution: "The State shall protect and promote the right of all the citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all". It is important then to have that constitutional provision of "quality education" be felt in the countryside where students cram the dilapidated classrooms devoid of ample allocation from the government.

The very aim of the bill is to realize the constitutional mandate of providing "quality education" to the youth of Mantalongon, Dalaguete, Cebu by separating the Mantalongon National High School from its mother school and converting it into a national high school with fiscal autonomy. In that way, the problems of the school like dilapidated and crammed classrooms can also be addressed when they enjoy more funds from the national government.

In sum, we will be promoting development and empowerment in the rural areas by providing quality education to the youth so that they can compete not only with Asian neighbors but also to the world arena, even only in the academic aspect.

Thus, the passage of the bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE MANTALONGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANTALONGON, MUNICIPALITY OF DALAGUETE, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE DALAGUETE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WITH FISCAL AUTONOMY TO BE KNOWN AS MANTALONGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be 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 Mantalongon National High School is hereby separated from the Dalaguete National High School and converted into a national high school with fiscal autonomy to be known as Mantalongon National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Mantalongon National High School as an extension school are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the newly-separated and autonomous Mantalongon National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriation.* The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be needed for the operations and maintenance of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,