

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL No. 5325



Introduced by Representative **WILFREDO S. CAMINERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The future of our nation rests on the youth. As ascribed by our national hero, the youth is the hope of the fatherland. Their success in the future will also be the success of our country. It is imperative then that they get all the support the government can provide to equip them with the necessary qualities to face the challenges ahead. In this age of global competition and impending ASEAN integration next year, the government has to invest more in molding and educating our youth.

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 necessary then to have that constitutional provision of "quality education" be felt in the countryside where students crammed the classrooms devoid of ample allocation from the government and the hardworking teachers who have to trek mountains are not properly compensated.

The very aim of the bill is to realize the constitutional mandate of providing "quality education" to the youth in the Municipality of Samboan, Province of Cebu. At present, the Pedro B. Uy Calderon Memorial National High School caters to the students in the mountainous barangay of Jumangpas and adjacent barangays. By separating the school from its mother unit, more funds will be allocated to benefit the students, school improvements, and position items for teachers who thrive to teach in a mountain school.

The passage of this bill would ensure that the students of the said locality can avail the so-called "quality education" without having to travel several kilometers in the town center. Before we set our sights to the global stage, we need to ensure first that our youth are academically armed at par with international standards. Someday, our nation will reap on giving importance and putting money on the youth. We have to remember only that the greatness of our nation lies in the greatness of our youth.

Thus, the passage of the bill is, therefore, earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE PEDRO B. UY CALDERON MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY JUMANGPAS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAMBOAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE SAMBOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WITH FISCAL AUTONOMY TO BE KNOWN AS PEDRO B. UY CALDERON MEMORIAL 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 Pedro B. Uy Calderon Memorial National High School is hereby separated from the Samboan National High School and converted into a national high school with fiscal autonomy to be known as Pedro B. Uy Calderon Memorial National High School.

SEC. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Pedro B. Uy Calderon Memorial National High School as an extension school are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the newly-separated Pedro B. Uy Calderon Memorial 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,