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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. **5326**



Introduced by **Representative WILFREDO S. CAMINERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The success of our children will be the success of our nation. Thus, it is important to invest on our children, especially on their education. It is in education that we can equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge on how to cope with the ever-changing society. The advancement of technology and the forthcoming ASEAN integration highly encourage us to give more attention and importance on the education of our children.

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 imperative then to have that constitutional provision of "quality education" be visible in the countryside where students crammed the 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 Alcantara, Cebu by separating the Alcantara National High School from its mother school and converting it into a national high school with fiscal autonomy. In that way too, the school may be able to have their own funds so that they can offer more for their students. 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. And by keeping our students in the classrooms, we are also keeping them away from the perils of vices and other evils of the society.

Thus, the passage of the bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE ALCANTARA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF ALCANTARA, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE BADIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WITH FISCAL AUTONOMY TO BE KNOWN AS ALCANTARA 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 Alcantara National High School is hereby separated from the Badian National High School and converted into a national high school with fiscal autonomy to be known as Alcantara National High School.

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