

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

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HOUSE BILL No. **5327**



Introduced by Representative **WILFREDO S. CAMINERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a great tool to alleviate, if not eradicate, poverty aside from shaping them into better citizens of the republic in the future. It is no surprise then that education remains to be one of the flagship programs of the present administration, noting the legislation of K-12 program. However, we must not stop there. We have to continue working hard so that people in the countryside can feel the government's existence. By giving more attention and allocation to the education in the countryside, we not only bring the government to our people but we also develop and empower rural communities.

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 palpable 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 Barangay Pungtod, Municipality of Oslob, Province of Cebu. By separating the Oslob National High School – Pungtod Extension from its mother school and converting it into a high school with fiscal autonomy will ensure that the students of the said locality can avail the so-called "quality education" without having to travel several kilometers. The realization of this bill also implies that the growing population of the place is not taken for granted by the government specifically in the education aspect.

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

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