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HOUSE BILL NO. 5343



Introduced by **HON. RONALD M. COSALAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Atok National High School- Annex is situated in Camp 30, Caliking, Atok, Benguet, 10 km. away from Poblacion.

It caters to students from the following eight (8) elementary feeder schools: (1) Adoyunan Elementary School, which is 8 kms. Away; (2) Bonglo Elementary School, 16 kms away; (3) Cagui-ing Elementary School, 9 kms away; (4) Calasipan Elementary School, 26 kms away; (5) Caliking Elementary School, 6 kms away; (6) Camp 30 Elementary School, 50 m. away; (7) Topdac Elementary School, 8 kms. away; and (8) Wakal Elementary School, 15 kms away. Their combined enrolment is 1262.

In 2013, total enrolment of Atok NHS-Annex is already at 339. Industries in the area are agriculture, merchandising and handicraft.

Aside from this extension school, only three other high schools are within the area: (1) Atok National High School-Main in Poblacion, Atok which is 10 kms away; Saint Paul's Academy of Sayangan, Inc. in Paoay, Atok, around 20 kms. away; and (3) Tublay School of Home Industries-Main which is 17 kms. away.

Hence, it is proposed that this extension school be converted into a separate and independent national high school to be named Camp 30 National High School. It aims to provide access to relevant and quality secondary education in the locality and its neighboring barangays in the hopes of making productive and responsible members of the community.

With the conversion of this extension school, school-aged children would have a better chance of finishing formal high school education. It would give more substance to the state policy of providing free quality secondary education to all as mandated by the Philippine Constitution.

It is for these reasons that support for and prompt passage of this proposed bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE ATOK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-PALATONG ANNEX, IN THE BARANGAY OF CAMP 30, CALIKING, MUNICIPALITY OF ATOK, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE ATOK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-MAIN, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CAMP 30 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 Atok National High School-Annex in Barangay Camp 30, Caliking, Municipality of Atok, Province of Benguet, is hereby separated from the Atok National High School Main and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Camp 30 National High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Atok National High School-Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by Camp 30 National High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Camp 30 National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Atok National High School-Main. 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 such rules and regulations as 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,