

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **5444**



Introduced by REP. ROSENDO S. LABADLABAD

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is an urgent need for the establishment of an Integrated School in Barangay Ilihan in the Municipality of Jose Dalman, Province of Zamboanga del Norte. It is in consonance with the current education program of the government to provide adequate and attainable opportunities to young people in the far-flung areas.

Barangay Ilihan and its neighboring barangays comprise a service area where there is a compelling need to establish an Integrated School. The proposed Integrated School is kilometers away from the nearest National High School. There has been an alarming increase of elementary graduates who are unable to pursue secondary education because of the inaccessible location and the limited number of high schools within the vicinity. As majority of the population are economically-challenged, private education is not a feasible alternative for them. Consequently, elementary graduates become unproductive and are unable to contribute to the development of their barangay. These underprivileged youth are being deprived of the opportunities which progress offers. The service area concerned ultimately suffers depletion of valuable reserve of educated youth from the secondary level and eventually at the tertiary level making it unable to meet the manpower needs of the growing service area.

The establishment of an Integrated School will bring renewed hope to the community life in Barangay Ilihan and its neighboring barangays.

In view of the foregoing consideration, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ILIHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ILIHAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE DALMAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO
AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ILIHAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in the
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1: The Ilihan Elementary School in Barangay Ilihan, Municipality of Jose Dalman, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Ilihan Integrated School.

SEC. 2 All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Ilihan Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Ilihan Integrated School.

SEC. 3 The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Ilihan Integrated School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4 The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5 This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,