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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5882**



Introduced by HON. FLORENCIO C. GARAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

No nation can aspire to greatness without education. In today's knowledge-based, globally competitive society, a world class education is crucial if our nation and our people are to aspire for **excellence**.

However, the challenges to providing a world-class education are very real and very urgent. Insufficient classrooms, inadequate school facilities and equipments, lack of educators... these are just some of the challenges confronting most of the schools in the Philippines. These same challenges are now faced by the students and administrators of Bislig City National High School-Coleto Annex in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur.

Bislig City National High School-Coleto Annex has sought our aid in helping the students and administrators meet these challenges. I believe that with proper policies, the strong and consistent support of local governments and leaders, collaboration with the community and civil society, we can help make a difference for the children of Barangay Coleto and realize our vision of producing exceptional leaders for Bislig, for Surigao del Sur. For the Philippines.

Pursuant to the mandate of Section 1, Article XIV of the Constitution directing us to safeguard every child's right to quality education, this bill seeks to address the needs of the students of Bislig City National High School-Coleto Annex by proposing its separation from its parent, Bislig City National High School, and its conversion into an *independent* national high school to be known as **COLETO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**.

In view of its national and local importance, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE BISLIG CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL- COLETO ANNEX IN BARANGAY COLETO, CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR FROM THE BISLIG CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS COLETO 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 an Independent National High School-* The Bislig City National High School-Coleto Annex in Barangay Coleto, City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur is hereby separated from the Bislig City National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as **COLETO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**;

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities-* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Bislig City National High School-Coleto Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by Coleto National High School;

SECTION 3. *Appropriations-* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Coleto National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Bislig City National High School-Coleto Annex. 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 rules and regulations that 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,