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HOUSE BILL NO. **5307**



Introduced by Rep. Jonas C. Cortes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Cabangahan National High School-Cordova Annex started more than a decade ago with just 198 enrollees. At present, it has become the bastion of learning in the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu, giving the town's youth access to free secondary education.

In recent years, the Cordova Annex has experienced a surge in enrollment. With its growing student population, however, comes the pressing need for the school to cope up with more faculty and staff, better facilities and upgraded books and instructional materials to maintain, if not improve, its level of instruction for the students' advancement and academic excellence.

The resources of the school are now found to be inadequate to meet its growing needs especially that it is only an extension of the Cabangahan National High School in the Municipality of Consolacion. Its meager budget cannot even support its present population of more than a thousand students. It is to be expected that its enrollment will increase further with the ever-rising cost of private education.

Converting the school into a separate national high school independent from its mother school would certainly provide a regular source of funds for the school to meet its growing needs. Therefore, the necessary personnel complement, improved facilities and updated instructional materials will be ensured which would surely enhance the quality of the school's instruction.

Section 2, Article XIV of the Constitution declares the State's policy and obligation to establish and maintain a free public school system in the elementary and secondary levels. Hence, approval of this measure will not only give meaning and spirit to this constitutional mandate but will also bring about development at the grassroots level.

In view of these premises, therefore, the early approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT SEPARATING THE CABANGAHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CORDOVA ANNEX IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE CABANGAHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CORDOVA 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 Cabangahan National High School - Cordova Annex in the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu is hereby separated from the Cabangahan National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Cordova National High School.

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

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Cordova National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Cabangahan National High School - Cordova 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,