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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6999

Introduced by **HON. CARLITO "Lito" S. MARQUEZ**
Lone District, Aklan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Laguinbanua East Elementary School in the Municipality of Numancia, Province of Aklan to be known as Laguinbanua East Integrated School.

DepED Order 40, series of 2014 provides for the guidelines for the conversion of schools into an integrated school. An integrated school is one that offers complete basic education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 upon the full implementation of the K to 12 Law, in one school site, and with a unified instructional program. This can be done either through the expansion of an elementary or secondary school, or through the combination of existing elementary and secondary schools adjacent to each other into one school to offer complete basic education.

In line with the State's constitutional mandate to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, this bill was conceptualized with the end in view of making complete basic education more accessible to the residents of Laguinbanua and nearby barangays. It is also anchored with the constitutional provision that *"the State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society, and it shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels"*.

Barangay Laguinbanua in the Municipality of Numancia in the Lone Congressional District of Aklan, is home to the Laguinbanua East Elementary School which caters to the needs of the said barangay as well as the neighboring barangays of Laguinbanua West,

Aliputos, Bubog, Camanci Norte, Camanci Sur, Bulwang, Marianos in Numancia and Barangay Mobo in the Municipality of Kalibo. At present, graduates of this elementary school as well as many graduates of the Municipality of Numancia are enrolled for high school at the Santo Niño Seminary, Numancia National School of Fisheries, Madyaas Institute, Irao Institute and Numancia Integrated School or forced to enroll in any high school at nearby Kalibo. In order to decongest the enrollees at the five (5) high schools, this bill seeks to establish a high school department within the confines of Laguinbanua East Elementary School which shall then be aptly named as the "*Laguinbanua East Integrated School*".

For the foregoing reason, immediate passage of this bill is urgently sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAGUINBANUA EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY LAGUINBANUA, MUNICIPALITY OF NUMANCIA,
PROVINCE OF AKLAN, INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS "LAGUINBANUA EAST INTEGRATED SCHOOL", AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Conversion into an Integrated School. – The Laguinbanua East Elementary School in Barangay Laguinbanua, Municipality of Numancia, Province of Aklan is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as "Laguinbanua East Integrated School".

SECTION 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Laguinbanua East Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Laguinbanua East Integrated School.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operation of the integrated school, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue 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 full publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.