



Seventeenth Congress
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7783

Introduced by Representative Peter John D. Calderon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Montaneza National High School - Cerdeña National High School Extension in Barangay Cerdeña, Municipality of Malabuyoc, Province of Cebu from the Montaneza National High School and convert it into a separate, distinct and independent national high school to be known as the Cerdeña (Malabuyoc) National High School.

For almost two decades, the Montaneza National High School - Cerdeña National High School Extension has been administered by its main school, the Montaneza National High School. With the implementation of the K-12 program, the conversion of Cerdeña National High School Extension into a separate unit has become necessary.

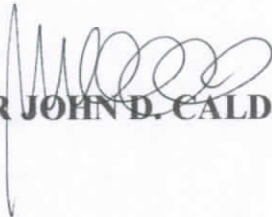
The Department of Education issued the Department of Education Order No. 40, Series of 2014, entitled "Establishment, Merging, Conversion, and Naming/Renaming of Public Schools, and Separation of Public School Annexes in Basic Education," prioritizing the separation of school annexes and providing separate appropriation for them in the General Appropriations Act.

In 2017, the Montaneza National High School - Cerdeña National High School Extension was given a separate appropriation of P3,014,000.00 broken down as follows: P2,684,000.00 for Personnel Services, and P330,000.00 for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses.

It therefore becomes imperative to convert the Montaneza National High School - Cerdeña National High School Extension into an independent school in

order to improve its administration and advance the quality of education of its students. This is in line with the Constitutional mandate under Article XIV Section 1 which provides that the *“State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”*

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



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AN ACT

**SEPARATING THE MONTANEZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL -
CERDEÑA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY
CERDEÑA, MUNICIPALITY OF MALABUYOC, PROVINCE OF CEBU
FROM THE MONTANEZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
CONVERT IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
TO BE KNOWN AS THE CERDEÑA (MALABUYOC) NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.*

– The Montaneza National High School - Cerdeña National High School
Extension in Barangay Cerdeña, Municipality of Malabuyoc, Province of Cebu
is hereby separated from the Montaneza National High School and converted into
an independent national high school to be known as the Cerdeña (Malabuyoc)
National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets,
liabilities and records of the Montaneza National High School - Cerdeña National



1 High School Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Cerdeña
2 National High School.

3 SEC. 3. *Appropriations*. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately
4 include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Cerdeña
5 National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the
6 current year's appropriations of the Montaneza National High School - Cerdeña
7 National High School Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the
8 continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act.

10 SEC. 4. *Implementation*. – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules
11 and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

14 Approved,

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