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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Siocon National High School-Candiz Extension in Barangay Candiz, Municipality of Siocon, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, from the Siocon National High School (now Siocon National Science High School), and convert it into an independent national high school to be known as the Candiz National High School.

The Municipality of Siocon is located in the middle part of the Third Legislative District of Zamboanga del Norte. Among the twelve municipalities in the legislative district, it has the highest population, with 48,524 people according to the 2020 census. Despite this huge number of people, it only has two public national high schools- Julian Soriano Memorial Comprehensive High School and Siocon National High School, with the latter having an extension campus in Barangay Candiz, Municipality of Siocon, known as the Siocon National High School-Candiz Extension.

It is also noteworthy that Siocon National High School was already converted into a national science high school by virtue of Republic Act No. 11629. Thus, while previously the Siocon National High School offered all the senior high school tracks- STEM, HUMSS, GAS, and TVL, the Siocon National Science High School will now focus on science courses.

Because of the great number of students in Siocon and the conversion of the Siocon National High School into a science high school, it is imperative that the Siocon National High School-Candiz Extension be separated from its main campus and converted into an independent national high school. In turn, this will make basic education more accessible not only to the constituents of the Municipality of Siocon, but to the nearby municipalities as well.

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


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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE
SIOCON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-CANDIZ EXTENSION
IN BARANGAY CANDIZ, MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE
SIOCON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (NOW SIOCON NATIONAL SCIENCE
HIGH SCHOOL), CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CANDIZ 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. The Siocon National High School-Candiz Extension in Barangay Candiz, Municipality of Siocon, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Siocon National High School (now Siocon National Science High School by virtue of R.A. No. 11629) and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Candiz National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Siocon National High School-Candiz Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Candiz National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Candiz National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Siocon National High School-Candiz Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall issue the rules and regulations implementing the provisions 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,