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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 2959



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE NOEL "BONG" N. RIVERA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution explicitly provides not only to make education accessible to all but also to uphold the right of citizens to qualify education.

In pursuance of these Constitutional mandates, Congress passed Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Act of 1988".

It is sad to note however that notwithstanding these Constitutional mandates, public schools located in the far-flung areas have been usually inconvenienced by myriads of problems including the availability of public high schools where the poor elementary school graduates may pursue their basic education studies. This situation holds true in the case of elementary school graduates of Barangay Pando, Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac. The barangay officials and the residents have been persistently clamoring for the conversion of Calaluan National High School Annex in this barangay into an independent national high school by separating it from Caluluan National High School in the same municipality.

It is the purpose of this bill therefore to separate the Caluluan National High School Annex from Caluluan National High School in order to address the growing clamor of the officials and residents of the said barangay and convert it into an independent national high school to be known as the Panda National High School.

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


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"AN ACT
SEPARATING THE CALULUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN
BARANGAY PANDO, MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF TARLAC
FROM THE CALULUAN NATIONAL SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANDO
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE"

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

SECTION 1. The Caluluan National High School Annex in Barangay Pando, Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac is hereby separated from Caluluan National High School and converted it into an independent national high school to be known as the Pando National School.

SECTION 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Caluluan National High School Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Pando National High School.

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

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provision of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,