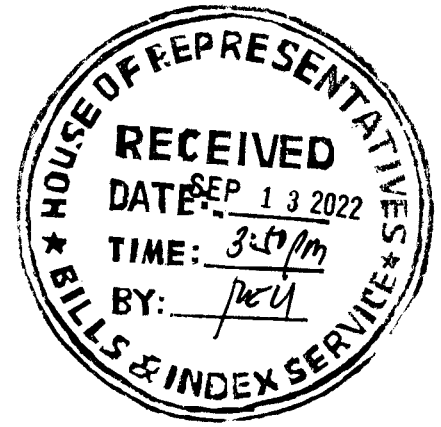


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4764



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Bacungan National High School-Sipakong Extension from the Bacungan National High School, and convert it into an independent national high school to be known as the Sipakong National High School.

Bacungan National High School-Sipakong Extension is located at Barangay Sipakong in the Municipality of Leon B. Postigo, a fourth-class municipality in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. Currently, it has 119 students from Grades 7-9, with more students expected to enroll in the succeeding years.

The separation of Sipakong Extension from the Bacungan National High School is sought considering that it is seven kilometers away from the nearest high school, making it the most accessible school for the constituents of Barangay Sipakong and its nearby barangays. Moreover, its conversion as an independent national high school will provide it with more funds necessary for the construction of classrooms and employment of permanent teaching and non-teaching personnel.

It is also noteworthy that the separation of Sipakong Extension from its mother school and its establishment as an independent school is recommended by the Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte.

In turn, this measure will uphold the State's mandate under the Constitution to "protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels" and to "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 BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-SIPAKONG EXTENSION
IN BARANGAY SIPAKONG, MUNICIPALITY OF LEON B. POSTIGO,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE
BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO
AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
SIPAKONG 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 Bacungan National High School-Sipakong Extension in Barangay Sipakong, Municipality of Leon B. Postigo, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Bacungan National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Sipakong National High School.

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

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

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days after its effectivity.

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,