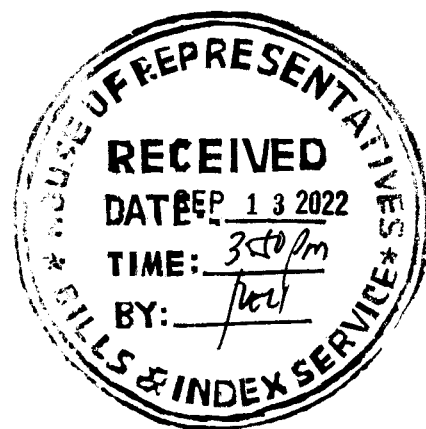


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4769



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Siocon Central School-J.P.Brillantes Extension from the Siocon Central School, and convert it into an independent elementary school to be known as the Jose P. Brillantes Elementary School.

Siocon Central School-J.P.Brillantes Extension is located at Barangay Jose P. Brillantes, Sr. in the Municipality of Siocon, a first-class municipality in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. Currently, it has 134 students from Kinder to Grade 5, with more students expected to enroll in the succeeding years.

The separation of J.P.Brillantes Extension from Siocon Central School is sought considering that it is the most accessible school for the constituents of Barangay Jose P. Brillantes, Sr. and its nearby barangays. Moreover, since Siocon Central School already has 1108 Grades 1-6 students, the conversion of J.P.Brillantes Extension as an independent school will make education more accessible to students, as the latter will be provided 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 J.P.Brillantes 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 SIOCON CENTRAL SCHOOL-J.P.BRILLANTES EXTENSION
IN BARANGAY JOSE P. BRILLANTES, SR., MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE
SIOCON CENTRAL SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO
AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
JOSE P. BRILLANTES ELEMENTARY 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 Central School-J.P.Brillantes Extension in Barangay Jose P. Brillantes, Sr., Municipality of Siocon, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Siocon Central School and converted into an independent elementary school to be known as the Jose P. Brillantes Elementary School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Siocon Central School-J.P. Brillantes Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Jose P. Brillantes Elementary School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Jose P. Brillantes Elementary School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Siocon Central School-J.P.Brillantes 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,