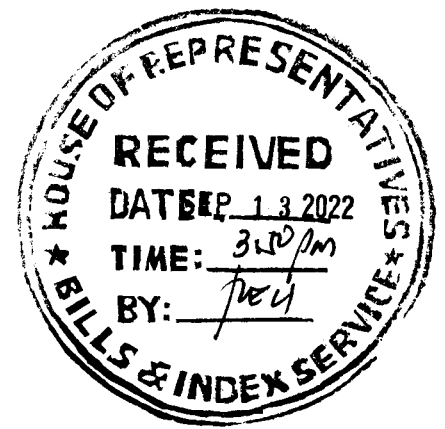


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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Immaculada Elementary School and the Balas National High School-Immaculada Extension into an integrated school, to be known as the Immaculada Integrated School.

Immaculada Elementary School and Balas National High School-Immaculada Extension are located at Barangay Immaculada in the Municipality of Labason, a third-class municipality in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. Currently, Immaculada Elementary School has 83 students from Grades 1-6. On the other hand, Balas National High School-Immaculada Extension has 87 students from Grades 7-10.

The conversion of Immaculada Elementary School and the Balas National High School-Immaculada Extension is sought considering that they are sixteen (16) kilometers away from the nearest high school. Thus, students who finished Grades 1-6 from Immaculada Elementary School do not need to go to other far high schools for their junior high school education. Moreover, the conversion of Immaculada Elementary School and Balas National High School-Immaculada Extension into an integrated school will provide them with more funds necessary for the construction of classrooms and employment of permanent teaching and non-teaching personnel.

It is also noteworthy that the conversion of Immaculada Elementary School and Balas National High School-Immaculada Extension into an integrated 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.


ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4773

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

AN ACT
CONVERTING IMMACULADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
BALAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-IMMACULADA EXTENSION
IN BARANGAY IMMACULADA, MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN
AS THE IMMACULADA INTEGRATED 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 Immaculada Elementary School and the Balas National High School-Immaculada Extension in Barangay Immaculada, Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, are hereby converted into an integrated school, to be known as the Immaculada Integrated School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of Immaculada Elementary School and Balas National High School-Immaculada Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Immaculada Integrated School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Immaculada Integrated School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose 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,