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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6328**

Introduced by Representative **WOWO FORTES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to formally convert Calateo Elementary School in Barangay Calateo, Juban, Sorsogon, into Calateo Integrated School.

Section 1, Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “The state shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels of education and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.” The state is also required to protect and promote the rights of all Filipinos to quality and accessible education by providing free and compulsory education in elementary and high school levels. It is the mandate of the government to establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education responsive to the needs of the people and the society. Consistent with the objectives of our Constitution, this legislative measure aims to convert Calateo Elementary School into an integrated school.

Calateo Elementary School is located in southwest of Juban, Sorsogon, 6.5 kilometers (km) away from Barangays Cogon and Bacolod that are offering secondary school, and is also 2.5 km away from the National Highway. The considerable distance between the barangays that offer secondary education and Barangays Calateo, Aroroy, Calmayon, Maalo, and Sipaya is the one of the major factors on why most elementary graduates from the specified communities no longer pursue their studies.

With the bleak possibility of continuing their education, the majority of the learners in the nearby barangays opted to enter into a more serious relationship because of the challenges posed by distance, socio-economic situation, income, health, and weather conditions.

The conversion of the said elementary school to an integrated school can provide better opportunities to the community. This will lead to an increase access to basic education, especially those who hail from far-flung areas and a strong inclusive

education program that caters to all school-age learners. Moreover, its conversion shall also produce skills development and knowledge expansion not only to the students but to the faculty as well.

As we nurture the hopes of our youth and help them in actualizing their dreams, this bill is definitely an avenue for the residents of Barangays Calateo, Calmayon, Aroroy, Maalo, Sipaya and other nearby barangays, in giving quality education to their children.

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



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. B. No. **6328**

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALATEO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BRGY.
CALATEO, JUBAN, SORSOGON INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE CALATEO INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION. 1. The Calateo Elementary School in Barangay Calateo, Municipality of Juban, Province of Sorsogon, is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Calateo Integrated School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Calateo Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Calateo Integrated School.

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

SEC. 4. Within ninety days (90) from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations shall provide for the school's organization, administration, operations and management, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9155, or the "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001", Republic Act No. 10533, or the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", and other basic education-related laws.

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,