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Introduced by **HONORABLE PETER B. MIGUEL**

**AN ACT SEPARATING KORONADAL COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION –
PARAISO FROM KORONADAL COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MAIN CAMPUS,
CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE NAMED GOVERNOR
SERGIO B. MORALES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN BARANGAY PARAISO, KORONADAL
CITY, SOUTH COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a national high school in Barangay Paraiso, Koronadal City, South Cotabato to be named Sergio B. Morales National High School. Presently, this school is a mere extension of Koronadal National Comprehensive High School – Main Campus.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that. "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." Moreover, Section 2, of Republic Act 9155 otherwise known as Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, declared that, "It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality basic education and to make such education accessible to all by providing all Filipino children a free and compulsory education in the elementary level and free education in the high school level.

These are the legal bases of the proposal to establish a public secondary school in Barangay Paraiso, Koronadal City, South Cotabato to be named as **GOVERNOR SERGIO B. MORALES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**.

Presently, KNCHS Extension – Paraiso is operating under the administrative control of Koronadal National Comprehensive High School (KNCHS) Main Campus for about thirteen (13) years. The school caters to the graduates of three (3) elementary schools in the educational community namely: Matulas Elementary School, Salkan Elementary School, and Tinongcop Elementary School. This is to justify that the learners from three (3) different Elementary Schools within and beyond the catchment area have the opportunity to alleviate their challenges in proceeding to high school level because for the less fortunate families access to education becomes a problem when the distance of school from home contributes to their financial burden as to transportation concerns. The distance from KNCHS Extension Paraiso Campus to the following schools are as follows: Matulas

Elementary School, 100 meters, Salkan Elementary School, 2.6 kilometers, and Tinongcop Elementary School, 4.9 kilometers. Though by technical definition, catchment area is only within 2 kilometers radius maximum, KNCHS – Extension Paraiso Campus is the most accessible high school for the Salkan Elementary School and Tinongcop Elementary School with regard to travel distance.

In this regard, the establishment of a public secondary school in Barangay Paraiso is a top priority. At present, the people in the community send their children to KNCHS Extension – Paraiso. This school became an extension on August 25, 2009. Despite of the presence of an extension in the barangay, some of the parents still send their children to KNCHS Main Campus. It is a known fact that KNCHS Main Campus is a comprehensive high school and it offers an array of educational programs to its clientele. Moreover, the school provides good facilities and equipment for learners' utilization and enhancement.

With this scenario, the Barangay Local Government Unit as well as the parents show their eagerness to establish a public secondary in the barangay so that the school can capture all the learners in the community and they will no longer spend for the daily transportation of their children who are enrolled in schools located in the city proper.

Most of the parents in the community are farmers who struggle to provide the daily needs of their children. In addition, there are also Indigenous People in Sitio Salkan of Barangay Paraiso and this tribe can hardly send their children to school due to financial incapacity. Hence, the establishment of a public secondary school in the barangay will be of great help to the people and the access to quality education will be enjoyed by everyone.

KNCHS Extension – Paraiso can offer quality education but it cannot provide all the needs of the learners because of its limited resources as an extension. Hence, it is essential that this extension will become a national high school and it is also proposed that if it will become a public secondary school, its name would be **GOVERNOR SERGIO B. MORALES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**. This is to give recognition to the Morales family who donated the land where KNCHS Extension – Paraiso is erected.

Currently, KNCHS Extension – Paraiso has Five Hundred Four (504) enrollees and there are thirteen (13) teachers who attend to the needs of these number of learners. The feeder schools of KNCHS Extension – Paraiso are the following: Matulas Elementary School, Salkan Elementary School, and Tinongcop Elementary School. If this extension will become a national high school, the number of learners will increase as well as the number of teachers. It is projected that through its establishment as a public secondary school, it can now offer other programs that will cater to the educational needs of the learners. Equipment and facilities will also be provided and learners are expected to be more competent and skilled. Hence, the vision of the Department of Education to enable the learners to realize their full potential through their values and competencies will be fulfilled.

In conclusion, the proposal to establish **GOVERNOR SERGIO B. MORALES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** in Barangay Paraiso is a constitutional mandate and it will offer basic education services to the citizens of the community. The proposed school will offer a lifetime privilege to the people to enjoy free and basic education not only in Barangay Paraiso but its neighboring barangays. If citizens are

given the free basic secondary education, their chance of finishing a course is high and it will eventually decrease the poverty level of the country.

Through the creation of this national high school, it is foreseen that the parents will be inspired to send their children to school because this will mean a cut on their expense and they will also feel secure that their children will no longer take a longer ride just to be in school. Apart from this, the threat of dangerous travel will be out of context because the school is located within the barangay where learners can only take a walk to reach the institution. For those who are living in far-flung areas, minutes of travel is also lessened since the school is just found at the heart of the barangay.

In view of the foregoing, the entire constituents of the Province of Cotabato, especially from the 2nd District, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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

- Section 1.* *Short Title:* This Act shall be known as “The GOVERNOR SERGIO B. MORALES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Act of 2022”
- Section 2:* The Koronadal Comprehensive National High School Extension – Paraiso is hereby converted into an independent national high school to known as GOVERNOR SERGIO B. MORALES National High School.
- Section 3:* All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of Koronadal Comprehensive National High School Extension – Paraiso is hereby transferred to and absorbed by Governor Sergio B. Morales National High School.
- Section 5:* The Secretary of Department of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of Governor Sergio B. Morales National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- Section 6:* The Secretary of Department of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.
- Section 7:* This Act shall take effect after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.