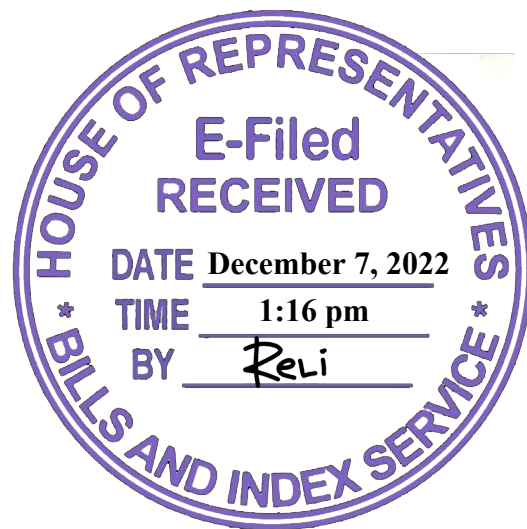


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6563



Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. Moreover, 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. (Art. XIV, Sec. 1) Lastly, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. (Art. XIV, Sec. 2)

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Science City of Muñoz in the Province of Nueva Ecija has a population of 84,308 as of May 1, 2020.¹ The local government unit covers 37 barangays, including Barangay Palusapis.

Palusapis Elementary School is one of the oldest schools in the Science City of Muñoz based on the historical records and markers which date back to the 1920s. After almost a century, the Palusapis Integrated School was established on July 19, 2013, by virtue of Government Permit No. S-035, s. 2013 issued by the Department of Education Region III Field Office. Currently, the school has both elementary and high school levels. Moreover, Palusapis Integrated School offers a Technical- Vocational and Livelihood (TVL) Program with specialization in Agricultural- Fishery Arts (AFA) or TVL-AFA and has offered the Rural Farming School Curriculum in the School Year 2018-2019.²

To ensure that the students coming from Barangay Palusapis and nearby barangays have access to quality basic and secondary education, this bill proposes the separation of the high school department of Palusapis Integrated School located in Barangay Palusapis, Science City of Muñoz, Province of Nueva Ecija, converting it into an independent high school to be known as Palusapis National High School, and renaming the surviving school as Palusapis Elementary School. This separation will

¹ <https://psa.gov.ph/content/2020-census-population-and-housing-2020-cph-population-counts-declared-official-president>

² <http://www.depedscm.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/PALUSAPIS-ELEMENTARY.pdf>

benefit the growing number of secondary school students, as well as the faculty and personnel, since there will be a separate budget to be allocated for the operations of the proposed independent high school.

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

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JOSEPH GILBERT F. VIOLAGO

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AN ACT

**SEPARATING THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF PALUSAPIS
INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PALUSAPIS, SCIENCE CITY OF
MUÑOZ, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
PALUSAPIS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND RENAMING THE
SURVIVING SCHOOL AS THE PALUSAPIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Separation of the High School Department.* – The high school department of Palusapis Integrated School in Barangay Palusapis, Science City of Muñoz, Province of Nueva Ecija is hereby separated from Palusapis Integrated School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Palusapis National High School. The surviving school, namely Palusapis Integrated School, given that it will no longer have a high school department, shall hereinafter be renamed as Palusapis Elementary School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the high school department of Palusapis Integrated School, Science City of Muñoz, Province of Nueva Ecija are hereby transferred to and absorbed by Palusapis National High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of Palusapis National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the high school department of Palusapis Integrated School. Thereafter, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act within one hundred twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,