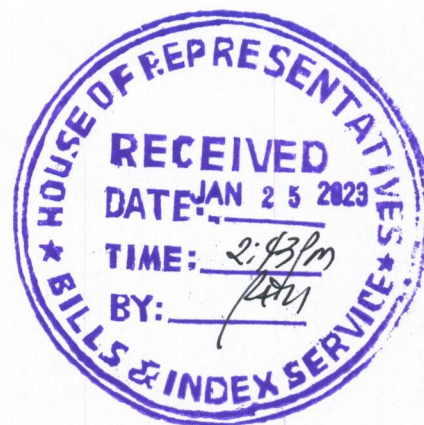


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6897



Introduced by **Hon. WILTER YAP PALMA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For so many years and through countless administrations, the Philippine Government fully recognizes the importance of education as a vital part of nation-building. Coined as a “lasting legacy” in our society, the notion of viewing education in high regard has fully inculcated itself as a pillar for the government to continuously address the structural problems that have plagued the education system for so many years. However, despite our herculean efforts there is still so much to be done. Students and educators are still accosted by various problems such as the lack of accessibility for schools, absence of vital teaching tools and materials and shortage of adequately trained teachers and personnel.

As such, this bill aims to further address these problems through the prioritization in the allotment of the funds directly from the National Government by converting the Catituan National High School into a separate and independent educational institution. In a nutshell, as an independent national high school, the Catituan National High School would have greater autonomy and decision-making power in terms of budget allocation, curriculum development, and staffing. This would allow the school to better respond to the unique needs and challenges of its student population. Moreover, this would also future-proof the school as the increased resource allocation and support for the school would lead to the creation of bigger and better facilities that could cater the ever-so increasing number of students that would enroll each year.

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

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AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE CATITUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
MALANGAS, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Catituan National High School within the Municipality of Malangas,
2 Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is hereby converted into an independent national high
3 school.

4 **SECTION 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Catituan National
5 High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the abovementioned newly
6 independent national high school.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
8 Department's program the operationalization of the Catituan National High School, the
9 funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations as
11 may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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

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15 Approved,