

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH (19th) CONGRESS
1st Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6900



Introduced by **Hon. WILTER YAP PALMA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In line with our constitutional mandate for protection and promotion of the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take necessary and appropriate steps to make education accessible to all, this bill seeks to convert the Guinoman National High School within the Municipality of Diplahan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay into an independent national high school thus including it as a separate and distinct entity within the National Budget.

The Guinoman National High School was established in 2001 to cater the growing number of high school students within the Municipality of Diplahan and as it stands, it is also catering to senior high school students within its vicinity and other neighboring barangays. However, much like other public schools in the country the Guinoman National High School is accosted by a number of problems pertaining to the lack of facilities, underpaid teaching personnel, lack of teaching materials and accessibility concerns.

As such, the aim of this bill is to address these structural problems by enhancing the school's financial viability. In turn this would then lead to equipping them with the necessary tools in order to provide quality education to its students through readily available learning materials, adequate school buildings, competent teaching personnel and efficient administrative and support staff.

For these reasons one cannot deny that the prioritization in the allotment of the funds directly from the National Government would be of great help towards addressing not only the urgent needs of the students but also upholding a high standard of education that is well deserved by the Sibugaynons.

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

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AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE GUINOMAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF DIPLAHAN, 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 Guinoman National High School within the Municipality of
2 Diplahan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is hereby converted into an independent
3 national high school.

4 **SECTION 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Guinoman 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 Guinoman 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,