

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Quezon City*

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House Bill No. 7437



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Introduced by Representative  
**LEODY "ODIE" F. TARRIELA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XVI, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

Hinango Elementary School is currently situated in Barangay Hinango, Municipality of Magsaysay, a Geographically Isolated and Depressed Area (GIDA) without proper and regular transportation. The nearest schools in Hinango offering secondary education are: 1) Magsaysay National High School, Purnaga Extension, Brgy. Purnaga, Occidental Mindoro, which is about 20 kilometers away, and 2) Cabugao National High School, Barangay Cabugao, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

Learners from Barangay Hinango who wish to attend secondary education wake up as early as about 4 o'clock in the morning to walk into the wilderness to catch-up school in the neighboring town of Cabugao, Oriental Mindoro, and arrive back home at about 8 o'clock in the evening, thereby exposing them to perils that endanger their personal safety, health, and security.

In view thereof, the opening of an integrated school in Baragay Hinango shall provide educational and developmental opportunities to our cultural minorities of indigenous origin in order to liberate them from cycle of illiteracy, ignorance, poverty, fear, yeenage preganancy, teenage fatherhood, early marriage, recruitment to insurgent organizations, and other social, economic, and environmental deprivation that hinder their holistic development as a human being.

This bill seeks to convert Hinango Elementary School into an integrated school in Barangay Hinango, Municipality of Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro, which shall be known as Hinango Integrated School. This shall provide and promote uninterrupted education to children, so they are encouraged to attend school. In this respect, the immediate consideration and passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**HON. LEODY "ODIE" F. TARRIELA**  
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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING HINANGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN**  
**BARANGAY HINANGO, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY,**  
**OCCIDENTAL MINDORO INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL**  
**TO BE KNOWN AS HINANGO INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Hinango Elementary School in Barangay Hinango, Municipality of Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Hinango Integrated School.

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

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Hinango Integrated School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and

regulations implementing the provisions of this Act within one hundred twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

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

**APPROVED,**