

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

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **10197**

Introduced by Representative **WOWO FORTES**



EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert Patag Elementary School, located in Barangay Patag, Municipality of Irosin, Province of Sorsogon, into Patag Integrated School.

Patag Elementary School caters to the communities of clustered barangays of Mapaso, Cawayan, Sto. Domingo, and Tabon-Tabon. Although these barangays have their own elementary schools, the nearest secondary is Gallanosa National High School (GNHS) which is approximately 4 km away. Based on a feasibility study conducted by DepEd Region V, the projected student enrollment increase for the next six (6) years will be around 2.74% for Patag Elementary School, 7.96% for Cawayan Elementary School, 8.50% for Mapaso Elementary School, and 5.56% for Sto. Domingo Elementary School. If all elementary graduates from these schools go to GNHS, the increase in student population might strain the limited resources of the said high school.

Further, Patag Elementary School is already permitted to offer a senior high school curriculum in the schools under the Schools Division of Sorsogon Province. Once converted to an integrated school, Patag Elementary School will be able to address the growing student population in Irosin. It can also stabilize the equitable distribution of secondary school learners which will be beneficial to the communities, students, and faculty.

Moreover, its conversion shall help families in the abovementioned barangays as their children will be given access to a nearer school. They will no longer have to worry about transportation expenses and their children's safety.

Finally, creating a separate junior/senior high school is not practicable as there is no viable site, not to mention costly to the government as this will entail additional items for teachers and school heads, equipment, and resources to support its operation.

The immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

ATTY. WOWO FORTES
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AN ACT CONVERTING THE PATAG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BRGY. PATAG, IROSIN, SORSOGON INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PATAG INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Patag Elementary School in Barangay Patag, Municipality of Irosin, Province of Sorsogon, is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Patag Integrated School.

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

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Patag Integrated School the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Patag Elementary School. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Within ninety days (90) from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations shall provide for the school's organization, administration, operations, and management, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9155, or the "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001", Republic Act No. 10533, or the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, and other basic education-related laws.

SEC.5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.