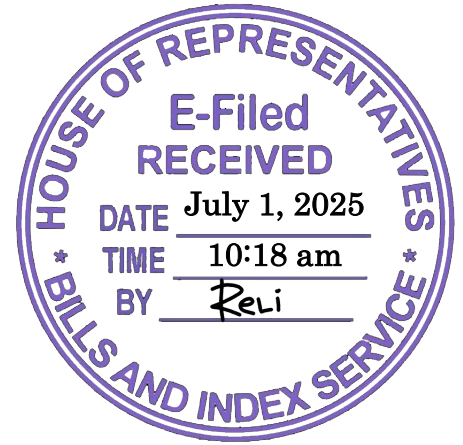




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

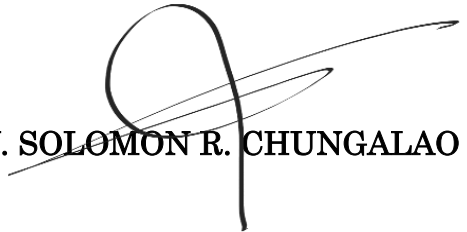
This bill was originally filed as House Bill No. 1004 in the sixteenth 16th Congress and re-filed as House Bill No. 3787 in the seventeenth 17th Congress. In the 18th Congress, it was filed as House Bill No. 5860 on December 18, 2019. In the 19th Congress, it was filed as House Bill No. 2145 on July 19, 2022. This legislative measure seeks to separate the Lawig National High School Extension in barangay Panopdopan from the Lawig National High School in barangay Lawig, both in the municipality of Lamut, province of Ifugao, into an independent national high school to be known as the Panopdopan National High School.

It is a Constitutional mandate that 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. Relative provision also directs the State to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.

Known as a mountainous province, and home of the famous rice terraces, Ifugao is expected to have a rugged terrain which challenges people to travel from one place to another. Teaching and non-teaching personnel of an educational institution find it very difficult to travel from their mother school to its extension

or annex school. Furthermore, as these are fiscally dependent to the mother school, extension schools are normally the second priority in terms of budget and physical development. These circumstances constrain a school to effectively deliver its supposed objectives of fulfilling the right to quality and accessible education of the Ifugao people.

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



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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE LAWIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY PANOPDOPAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAMUT, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO FROM THE LAWIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PANOPDOPAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School* – The Lawig National High School Extension in Barangay Panopdopan, Municipality of Lamut, Province of Ifugao is hereby separated from the Lawig National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Panopdopan National High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities* – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Lawig National High School Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Panopdopan National High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Panopdopan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Lawig National High School Extension and thereafter it shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation* – The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectively carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette,

Approved,