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HOUSE BILL NO. **2866**



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Introduced by **Rep. WOWO FORTES**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides 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.*"

Furthermore, under Section 7(e) of Republic Act No. 9155, otherwise known as the Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, "*The establishment of integrated schools from existing public elementary and public high schools is encouraged.*"

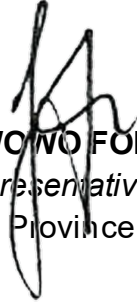
In the remote Barangays of Bical, Calpi, and Dolos in the Municipality of Bulan, Province of Sorsogon, secondary education seems to be an illusory and fleeting dream. Due to the distance of the specified barangays to the nearest high school, approximately twelve (12) kilometers away, the majority of the locals no longer pursue secondary education.

In surveys and personal interviews conducted by the Department of Education (DepEd) – Schools Division of Sorsogon, it was found that students from these communities travel on foot for two (2) to three (3) hours going to and from school. *Habal-habal*, the only mode of transportation available in the area, is considered dangerous, especially for children. These difficulties result in about 90% of the residents hardly completing secondary education and some would rather choose to stop after finishing elementary education.

Despite those difficulties, it is projected that within the next five (5) years, enrollment may reach three hundred (300) learners, proving the desire of the locals to pursue their studies. As mandated both by law and the Constitution, as lawmakers, we must ensure that the youth are provided the education they desperately seek.

This bill, therefore, aims to convert Calpi Elementary School to Calpi Integrated School. By establishing an integrated school in the area, the deprived community of Calpi and its neighboring villages are given greater access to quality education and the potential for a brighter future.

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



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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALPI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BRGY. CALPI,  
MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO AN INTEGRATED  
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALPI 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 Calpi Elementary School in Barangay Calpi, Municipality of Bulan, Province of Sorsogon, is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Calpi Integrated School.

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

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Calpi Integrated School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Calpi 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 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*