

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

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House Bill No. **4621**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, Article XIV, Section 1, 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.”

Despite the government’s efforts to expand access to education, many children in remote and geographically isolated barangays remain unable to continue along the standard path of formal education due to infrastructure barriers. In these communities, families often lack nearby educational institutions that provide both elementary and secondary education. As a result, students are forced to travel long distances to continue their studies, exposing them to safety risks and imposing additional financial and logistical burdens on their families. These challenges frequently discourage learners from pursuing higher levels of basic education, contributing to school dropouts.

This bill seeks to address these barriers by converting the Bagu Elementary School in Barangay Bagu, Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet, into an integrated school to be known as the Bagu Integrated School. This shall provide uninterrupted and continuous access to basic education from kindergarten to secondary level within the community. Also, this will not only benefit the children of Barangay Bagu but also those from adjacent and nearby barangays, giving them a more accessible and sustainable educational pathway.

The establishment of the Bagu Integrated School is envisioned to boost enrollment and attendance rates in the locality, encourage more children to complete their education, and reduce dropout cases caused by distance and inaccessibility. It will likewise support the government’s commitment under the K to 12 program to make education more inclusive, equitable, and responsive to the needs of Filipino learners, especially those in remote areas.

The operationalization of Bagu Integrated School will be funded under the annual General Appropriations Act, with the Department of Education tasked to implement

and oversee its establishment. This ensures that resources, personnel, and facilities are aligned to meet the expanded mandate of the school.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING BAGU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAGU,
MUNICIPALITY OF BAKUN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO AN
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAGU INTEGRATED SCHOOL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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

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

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

SEC. 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.

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,