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HOUSE BILL NO. 4916



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE MARIA CRISTINA C. ANGELES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a cornerstone of national development, and every school plays a vital role in shaping the identity and aspirations of its community. The Central Azucarera de Tarlac High School Annex, located in Barangay Balete, Tarlac City, has been operating since 2012 and has since grown into a distinct learning institution with its own school ID, principal, and unique student body.

Despite its annex status under Central Azucarera de Tarlac High School (CATHS) Main, the school has long functioned with administrative independence, managing its own Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and offering the full Junior and Senior High School curriculum. Its enrollment has steadily increased, underscoring the need for stronger recognition and identity. Stakeholders, including the Barangay Balete Officials and the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) of the Annex, have passed Resolution No. 08-013, Series of 2025, formally requesting the renaming of the school to Balete National High School. This renaming will give the institution its rightful identity, aligned with DepEd Orders No. 29, s. 2011 and No. 40, s. 2014 on school renaming and separation, and allow it to pursue plantilla positions and funding as a fully recognized independent school.

The change is not merely cosmetic; it is a recognition of the school's 13 years of service, its unique contributions to the educational landscape of Barangay Balete, and the aspirations of its learners, parents, and teachers to build a legacy under a name they can truly call their own.

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


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**AN ACT RENAMING THE CENTRAL AZUCARERA DE TARLAC
HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX LOCATED IN BARANGAY BALETE,
TARLAC CITY, TARLAC INTO “BALETE NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL”**

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

SECTION 1. *Renaming of School.* — The Central Azucarera de Tarlac High School Annex located in Barangay Balete, Tarlac City, Tarlac, with School ID No. 321405, is hereby renamed as “Balete National High School.”

SECTION 2. *Effectivity of the Change.* — All references to the former name of the school shall henceforth be understood as referring to Balete National High School. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall issue the necessary orders, circulars, and memoranda to implement this Act, including updates in official registries, plantilla items, and funding allocations.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DepEd, in coordination with the Division of Schools of Tarlac City and other concerned agencies, shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.