

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

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5015**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution of the Philippines mandates the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. It is in this spirit that the proposed measure seeks to address the educational challenges faced by learners in remote areas.

In the Municipality of Buguias, Province of Benguet, children studying at Saclalan-Sagandoy Elementary School in Barangay Amgalueygey face difficulties in pursuing their education beyond the elementary level due to the absence of a nearby secondary school. The distance to existing high schools and the financial constraints of families in the area discourage many learners from continuing their studies. This leads to lower attendance rates and an increased risk of school dropouts, which hinders the community's long-term socio-economic development.

The conversion of Saclalan-Sagandoy Elementary School into Saclalan-Sagandoy Integrated School directly responds to this pressing concern. Providing both elementary and secondary education within the same institution ensures the continuity of learning and minimizes the barriers faced by students and their families. This bill also seeks to strengthen the government's commitment to inclusive and equitable education by bringing schools closer to the communities they serve. With the establishment of Saclalan-Sagandoy Integrated School, students from Amgalueygey and neighboring barangays will be able to access uninterrupted basic education without being forced to leave their communities.

The enactment of this measure will not only expand educational opportunities but also contribute to reducing dropout rates, enhancing literacy levels, and uplifting the quality of life for families in the area. It will also complement national efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, which calls for inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all. Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING SACLALAN-SAGANDOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY AMGALUEYGEY, MUNICIPALITY OF BUGUIAS, PROVINCE OF
BENGUET INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SACLALAN-
SAGANDOY INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Saclalan-Sagandoy Elementary School in Barangay Amgalueygey, Municipality of Buguias, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Saclalan-Sagandoy Integrated School.

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

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Saclalan-Sagandoy 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,