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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5134



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Balas National High School-Gabu Extension from the Balas National High School, and convert it into an independent national high school to be known as the Gabu National High School.

Balas National High School-Gabu Extension is located at Barangay Gabu in the Municipality of Labason, a third-class municipality in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. Currently, it has 64 students from Grades 7-8, with more students expected to enroll in the succeeding years as it has four feeder elementary schools.

The separation of Gabu Extension from the Balas National High School is sought considering that it is five kilometers away from the nearest high school, making it the most accessible school for the constituents of Barangay Gabu and its nearby barangays. Moreover, its conversion as an independent national high school will provide it with more funds necessary for the construction of classrooms and employment of permanent teaching and nonteaching personnel.

It is also noteworthy that the separation of Gabu Extension from its mother school and its establishment as an independent school is recommended by the Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte.

In turn, this measure will uphold the State's mandate under the Constitution 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."

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


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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE BALAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-GABU
EXTENSION IN BARANGAY GABU, MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE BALAS NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GABU NATIONAL HIGH 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 Balas National High School-Gabu Extension in Barangay Gabu, Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Balas National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Gabu National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Balas National High School-Gabu Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Gabu National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Gabu National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Balas National High School-Gabu Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act within ninety (90) 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,