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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5139



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Gutalac National High School-Mamawan Extension in Barangay Mamawan, Municipality of Gutalac, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, converting it into an independent national high school to be known as the Mamawan National High School.

Before the establishment of the Gutalac National High School – Mamawan Extension, the students residing in Barangay Mamawan had to walk for three to four hours just to reach the main campus. While the extension high school has now relieved this burden, the challenge of providing a suitable learning environment for its 300 students, accommodated in makeshift classrooms, persists. Both teaching and non-teaching staff find it exceedingly challenging to commute between the main school and its extension or annex. Moreover, as these extensions rely on the main school financially, they often receive secondary consideration in terms of budget allocation and physical infrastructure development. These circumstances severely hamper the school's ability to effectively fulfill its mandate of providing quality and accessible education to the Ifugao people.

The separation and conversion of the Gutalac National High School - Mamawan Extension into an independent national high school will provide a much-needed boost for the communities where most of its inhabitants are underserved. This also aligns with the State's obligation to institute, uphold, and nurture an educational framework that directly addresses the requirements of its populace and society, as mandated in Article XIV, Section 2(1) of the Constitution.

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


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

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

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

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

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,