

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5141



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Municipality of Sibuco is located in the southernmost part of the province of Zamboanga del Norte bordering both Zamboanga City and the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay. Among the 67 municipalities in Zamboanga Peninsula, Sibuco emerged as the poorest municipality with a whopping 80 percent poverty incidence. Based on the Department of Social Welfare and Development Listahanan Program data of 2016, out of the 7981 households, 6391 were identified as poor.

The separation of Pangian Annex from the Sibuco National High School is perceived to provide the local education system the needed boost for a community where most of its inhabitants are underserved, if not unserved. It will bring basic education closer to the constituents of Sibuco, and consequently, will equip the constituents with the necessary opportunities and skills to climb out of poverty and succeed in life.

This measure is also in line with the State's mandate to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society under Article XIV, Sec. 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 SIBUCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-PANGIAN ANNEX
IN BARANGAY PANGIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUCO, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE SIBUCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANGIAN 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 Sibuco National High School-Pangian Annex in Barangay Pangian, Municipality of Sibuco, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Sibuco National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Pangian National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Sibuco National High School-Pangian Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Pangian National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Pangian National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Sibuco National High School-Pangian Annex. 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,