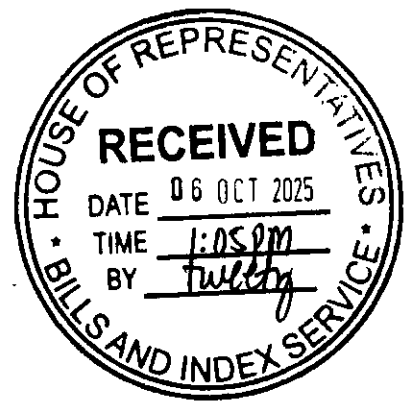


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5142

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Sas Elementary School and the Gutalac National High School-Sas Extension into an integrated school, to be known as the Sas Integrated School.

Sas Elementary School and Gutalac National High School-Sas Extension are located at Barangay Sas in the Municipality of Gutalac, a second-class municipality in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. Currently, Sas Elementary School has 141 students from Grades 1-6. On the other hand, Gutalac National High School-Sas Extension, which holds classes at the Sas Elementary School, has 79 students from Grades 7-8.

The conversion of Sas Elementary School and the Gutalac National High School-Sas Extension is sought considering that they are eight (8) kilometers away from the nearest high school. Thus, students who finished Grades 1-6 from Sas Elementary School need not go to other far high schools for their junior high school education. Moreover, the conversion of Sas Elementary School and Gutalac National High-School Sas Extension into an integrated school will provide them with more funds necessary for the construction of classrooms and employment of permanent teaching and non-teaching personnel.

It is also noteworthy that the conversion of Sas Elementary School and Gutalac National High School-Sas Extension into an integrated 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 CONVERTING SAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GUTALAC
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-SAS EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SAS,
MUNICIPALITY OF GUTALAC, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAS INTEGRATED
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 Sas Elementary School and the Gutalac National High School-Sas Extension in Barangay Sas, Municipality of Gutalac, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, are hereby converted into an integrated school, to be known as the Sas Integrated School.

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

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program, the operationalization of the Sas Integrated School, the funding of which 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,