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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5144



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Baliguian National High School-Abduhari Andan Esmali Annex from the Baliguian National High School and convert it into an independent national high school to be known as the Abduhari Andan Esmali National High School.

Baliguian National High School-Abduhari Andan Esmali Annex is located at Barangay Nonoyan in the Municipality of Baliguian, a third-class municipality in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. Currently, it has 92 students from Grades 7-9, with more students expected to enroll in the succeeding years.

The separation of Baliguian National High School-Abduhari Andan Esmali Annex is sought considering that it is nine (9) kilometers away from the nearest high school, making it the most accessible school for the constituents of Barangay Nonoyan 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 non-teaching personnel.

It is also noteworthy that the separation of Abduhari Andan Esmali Annex 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 BALIGUIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-
ABDUHARI ANDAN ESMALI ANNEX IN BARANGAY NONOYAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF BALIGUIAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
FROM THE BALIGUIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO
AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
ABDUHARI ANDAN ESMALI 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 Baliguian National High School-Abduhari Andan Esmali Annex in Barangay Nonoyan, Municipality of Baliguian, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Baliguian National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Abduhari Andan Esmali National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Baliguian National High School-Abduhari Andan Esmali Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Abduhari Andan Esmali National High School.

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