

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5504**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Ampusongan National High School-Kayapa Annex into an independent national high school, to be known as the Kayapa National High School. The proposed conversion will grant the school full administrative independence, allowing it to directly manage its budget, hire additional teachers, and develop facilities suited to the needs of its learners and the community.

Through this measure, the government will strengthen the delivery of secondary education in Barangay Kayapa and its neighboring areas. The establishment of an independent national high school will bring educational services closer to the people and promote equitable access to quality education in remote areas.

In Barangay Kayapa, Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet, secondary education is presently provided through the Ampusongan National High School-Kayapa Annex, which operates under the supervision of its mother school located in Barangay Ampusongan. However, being an annex limits its administrative and fiscal autonomy, resulting in delays in resource allocation, insufficient teaching staff, and inadequate school facilities to meet the needs of its growing student population.

According to the Department of Education's Basic Education Development Plan 2030¹, learners in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas continue to face barriers to quality education due to limited access to resources and infrastructure. This situation is evident in mountain municipalities such as Bakun, where annex schools struggle to

¹ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. 2022. Basic Education Development Plan 2030. Retrieved from https://www.deped.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/DO_s2022_024.pdf Accessed in October 9, 2025

sustain operations and provide a complete and responsive learning environment.

The passage of this bill is respectfully urged to ensure that learners in far-flung barangays of Benguet are not left behind. Moreover, this measure supports the goals of the K to 12 Basic Education Program and the State's commitment to inclusive, accessible, and quality education for all.

With the light of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is respectfully sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE AMPUSONGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-KAYAPA ANNEX BARANGAY KAYAPA, MUNICIPALITY OF BAKUN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE KAYAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. The Ampusongan National High School-Kayapa Annex in Barangay Kayapa, Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as Kayapa National High School.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Kayapa National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Ampusongan National High School. 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 rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. If any portion or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.