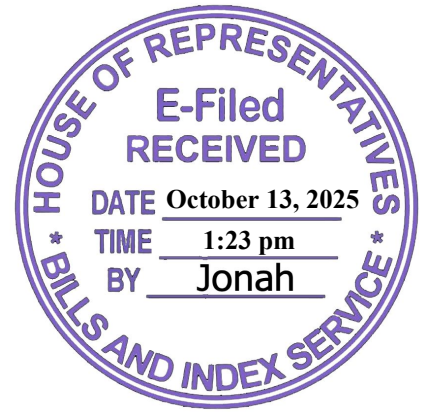


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. **5505**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Pontino Elementary School into an integrated school, to be known as the Pontino Integrated School, which will provide both elementary and secondary education within the same institution. The conversion aims to make education more accessible, reduce the financial burden on parents, and ensure the continuity of learning for students within their community.

Education is a fundamental pillar of national development and social equity. It empowers communities, opens opportunities for the youth, and strengthens the nation's human capital. To achieve these goals, the State must ensure that quality education is accessible, especially in rural and geographically isolated areas.

In Barangay Ambassador, Municipality of Tublay, Province of Benguet, Pontino Elementary School has long served as a vital learning institution for children in the area. However, due to the increasing number of learners completing their elementary education and the limited access to secondary schools nearby, many students are forced to travel long distances or transfer to other municipalities to continue their studies. This situation poses significant challenges to families and often contributes to school dropouts.

Upon enactment, the Department of Education (DepEd) shall oversee the integration process, including the transfer of personnel, assets, and records, and shall allocate the necessary funds for its operation under the General Appropriations Act. This measure aligns with the government's commitment under Republic Act No. 9155, or the Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, to strengthen school-based management and expand educational access across all levels.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PONTINO 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 Pontino Elementary School in Barangay Ambassador, Municipality of Tublay, Province of Benguet is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Pontino Integrated School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Pontino Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Pontino Integrated School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Pontino Integrated School, the funding of which 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 within one hundred twenty (120) 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,