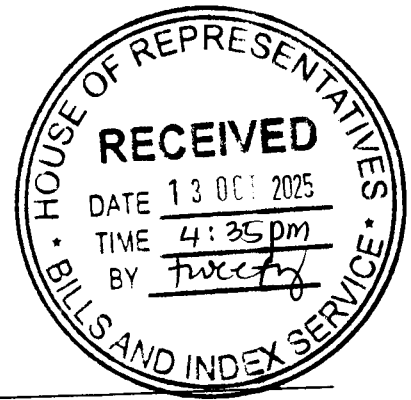


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House Bill No. **5538**



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is the cornerstone of national progress and human development. Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall "protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

The passage of Republic Act No. 10533, or the *Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*, introduced the K to 12 Program, extending basic education to include Senior High School (SHS)- Grades 11 and 12- to better equip learners with the competencies necessary for higher education, employment, and entrepreneurship.

At present, Paranaque National High School (Main Campus) in Brgy. San Dionisio, Paranaque City houses a combined Junior and Senior High School facility serving both Grades 7-10 and Grades 11-12 students. However, the increasing number of enrollees each year has resulted in overcrowding, strained resources, and limited learning spaces. These conditions have significantly affected the effective delivery of the K to 12 curriculum and the overall quality of instruction.

The proposed measure seeks to establish a separate Senior High School in Barangay San Dionisio, distinct and independent from the existing Junior High School. This separation will:

1. Decongest existing classrooms and ensure adequate learning facilities for both levels;
2. Enhance curriculum implementation by allowing focused management and resource allocation suited to Senior High School programs;
3. Improve student outcomes and readiness for higher education and employment through dedicated facilities, laboratories, and industry-aligned programs; and
4. Strengthen the local educational system in line with the objectives of Republic Act No. 10533 and the Department of Education's school rationalization policy.

The establishment of a Paranaque National Senior High School (Main) in Brgy. San Dionisio, Paranaque City, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), will provide a sustainable solution to the growing educational demands of the community and ensure that every learner has access to quality and conducive learning environments.

This initiative aligns with the government's commitment to make education accessible, equitable, and responsive to the needs of every Filipino learner.

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


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AN ACT SEPARATING THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MAIN) IN BARANGAY SAN DIONISIO, CITY OF PARAÑAQUE FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MAIN) CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PARANAQUE NATIONAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (MAIN), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of a Senior High School. The Parañaque National Senior High School (Main) in Barangay San Dionisio, City of Paranaque, Metro Manila is hereby separated from the Parañaque National High School (Main) and converted into an independent national senior high school to be known as the Parañaque National Senior High School (Main).

The Paranaque National Senior High School (Main) shall be under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd) and shall offer academic, technical-vocational-livelihood (TVL), sports, and arts and design tracks as may be determined appropriate by the DepEd, in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

SEC. 2. General Supervision. The Paranaque National Senior High School (Main) shall operate under the general supervision of the DepEd, through the Schools Division Office of Paranaque City, and in coordination with the Regional Office of the DepEd.

The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary guidelines for the effective implementation of this Act, including the organization, staffing, and operational standards of the school.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Paranaque Senior National Senior High School.

The funding requirement for its initial implementation shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DepEd, and thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 4. Implementation. The DepEd shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the required infrastructure, teaching and non-teaching personnel, equipment, and instructional materials are provided. The Department may enter into partnerships with the local government unit (LGU) and other stakeholders to facilitate implementation.

The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,