

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6271

Introduced by **REP. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE VINISITAHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
VINISITAHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DONSOL, SORSOGON TO VINISITAHAN
INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State 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.

This bill seeks to convert the Vinisitahan Elementary School in the Municipality of Donsol, Province of Sorsogon, into an Integrated School to be known as the Vinisitahan Integrated School. Situated in a coastal community some 8.4 kilometers from the town proper, Vinisitahan Elementary School serves as the educational anchor not only for its host barangay but also for the neighboring localities of Tinanogan, Sibago, Malinao, Malapoc, and Tuba. Despite its status as a Central School and a Level II School Based Management (SBM) practitioner, the absence of accessible secondary education in the vicinity remains a critical gap. The geographic isolation of the area, coupled with the lack of regular public transportation, compels students to rely on precarious and costly modes of travel. These logistical and financial barriers frequently force the youth to abandon their schooling to support their families, perpetuating a cycle of poverty.

The conversion of this elementary school into an Integrated School is a strategic and necessary intervention. It will decongest the central town schools, eliminate the perilous daily commute for students, and ensure a seamless transition from primary to secondary education. Furthermore, the school possesses the requisite absorptive capacity, evidenced by its existing roster of school personnel, ongoing construction of a twelve-classroom building, and available ICT infrastructure.

In view of the foregoing and in fulfillment of the State's obligation to bring education closer to the people, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **Section 1. Conversion into a Vinisitahan Integrated School.** – The
2 Vinisitahan Elementary School in Barangay Vinisitahan, Municipality Of Donsol,
3 Sorsogon is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as Vinisitahan
4 Integrated School.

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6 **Sec. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.** – All personnel, assets, liabilities
7 and records of the Vinisitahan Elementary School are hereby transferred to and
8 absorbed by the Vinisitahan Integrated School.

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10 **Sec. 3. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately
11 include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Vinisitahan
12 Integrated School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
13 Appropriations Act.

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15 **Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

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