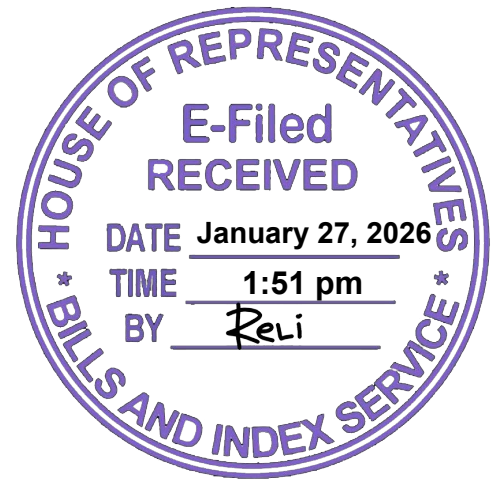


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Itogon Central National High School (ICNHS) in Ayosip, Poblacion, Itogon, Benguet. This measure will provide accessible, inclusive, and quality secondary education to learners in the municipality and nearby communities. Also, formally creating ICNHS as a public secondary school offering both Junior High School and Senior High School programs will directly respond to the growing need for a centralized and well-equipped learning institution that prepares learners for higher education, employment, and productive citizens.

Education remains one of the most effective tools for human development and social mobility. Many students in Itogon face challenges brought about by distance, limited school facilities, and financial constraints. Establishing ICNHS will help ease these burdens by bringing education closer to families, reducing dropout rates, and ensuring that learners complete their basic education within their own community. More importantly, it creates opportunities for students to acquire relevant skills aligned with local and national workforce needs, in line with the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013.

This measure also strengthens the partnership between the Department of Education and the Local Government Unit of Itogon by means of ensuring proper management, adequate facilities, and sustainable funding for the school's operations. Through this bill, the State upholds its constitutional duty to make quality education accessible to all and invests in the long-term development of Itogon by empowering its youth. The establishment of Itogon Central National High School is not only an investment in infrastructure but a commitment to the future of the community and the nation.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed bill is earnestly sought.



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ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, TO CATER TO JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the “*Itoгон Central National High School Act*”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is hereby declared the policy of the State, in accordance with Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. This Act recognizes the importance of education in promoting human development, community progress, and socio-economic development.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of the Itoгон Central National High School.* — There is hereby established an Itoгон Central National High School (ICNHS) in Sitio Ayosip, Barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of Itoгон, Province of Benguet which shall cater to Junior High School and Senior High School students to offer including, but not limited to, Technical-Vocational-Livelihood (TVL) tracks, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10533, otherwise known as the “*Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*”.

SEC. 4. *Management and Administration.* — ICNHS shall be under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Schools Division Office of Benguet, and shall be managed in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations governing public secondary schools in the Philippines.

SEC. 5. *Facilities and Funding.* — The Department of Education, in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Itoгон, shall provide the necessary school buildings, facilities, equipment, and learning materials. Funds for

the construction, repair, and maintenance of school facilities may be sourced from the Special Education Fund (SEF) pursuant to Joint Circular No. 1, s. 2017, and other government appropriations as may be necessary.

SEC. 6. *Implementation.* — The DepEd, in coordination with the LGU of Itogon and other concerned agencies, shall take appropriate steps to ensure the operationalization of ICNHS, including recruitment of qualified teaching and non-teaching personnel, student enrollment, and curriculum implementation.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* — The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the current appropriations of the DepEd and supplemented thereafter in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC 8. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper or general circulation.

Approved,