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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 9074

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE USTADZ YUSOP T. ALANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

“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.”

Consistent with this constitutional mandate, the government continues to expand access to public secondary education, particularly in geographically isolated and underserved communities where students often face significant barriers in pursuing their studies due to distance, transportation limitations, and limited school capacity.

The Atong-Atong National High School – Tairan Annex located in Barangay Tairan, Municipality of Lantawan, Province of Basilan was established to address the growing need for accessible secondary education among students residing in the community and nearby localities. Through the years, the annex has played an important role in bringing public secondary education closer to learners who would otherwise need to travel considerable distances to attend the main campus.

Despite its importance, the continued operation of the annex under the administrative supervision of the parent school limits its institutional

development and its ability to fully expand academic programs, personnel support, and infrastructure. Converting the annex into an independent national high school will allow the institution to operate with greater administrative autonomy, improve resource allocation, and strengthen the delivery of educational services to its students.

This measure therefore seeks to separate the Atong-Atong National High School – Tairan Annex from the Atong-Atong National High School and convert it into an independent national high school to be known as the Tairan National High School.

The establishment of the Tairan National High School will help strengthen the government's efforts to make quality secondary education more accessible to Filipino learners and to promote inclusive educational development in the Province of Basilan.

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



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AN ACT

**SEPARATING THE ATONG-ATONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL–
TAIRAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY TAIRAN, MUNICIPALITY OF
LANTAWAN, PROVINCE OF BASILAN FROM THE ATONG-ATONG
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE
TAIRAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.*

– The Atong-Atong National High School – Tairan Annex in Barangay Tairan,
Municipality of Lantawan, Province of Basilan is hereby separated from the
Atong-Atong National High School and converted into an independent national
high school to be known as the Tairan National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – All personnel, assets,
liabilities, and records of the Atong-Atong National High School – Tairan

Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Tairan National High School.

SEC. 3. ***Appropriations.*** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Tairan National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the Atong-Atong National High School – Tairan Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. ***Implementation.*** – Within ninety days (90) from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations shall provide for the school’s organization, administration, operations, and management, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9155 or the “Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001”, Republic Act No. 10533 or the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013”, and other basic education-related laws.

SEC. 5. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,