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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL -TABAYON EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TABAYON, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TABAYON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution mandates 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." The national government aims to provide every child the opportunity to learn, develop and be part of the country's growth.

This bill seeks to separate Jose Abad Santos National High School-Tabayon Extension from the Jose Abad Santos National High School and convert it into an independent national high school. While the latter continues to provide quality education, it is located 18 kilometers away from Jose Abad Santos National High School-Main Campus in Caburan Big, Jose Abad Santos in the Province of Davao Occidental. Jose Abad Santos National High School- Tabayon Extension is also 10.5 kilometers away from Kalbay National High School, this is the only nearest secondary school in the municipality. In pursuing secondary education, the students have to cross three to ten kilometers of winding mountain roads and flooding rivers during the rainy season.

This bill if enacted into law will have the graduates of the elementary schools from the interior barangays namely Tabayon, Cayaponga, Carahayan and Malalan. Further, this will give hope to the students to complete secondary education and obtain a degree in the future.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is respectfully requested.

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

SECTION 1. Separation and Conversion Into A National High School. – The Jose Abad Santos National High School - Tabayon Extension in Barangay Tabayon, Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao Occidental is hereby separated from the Jose Abad Santos National High School, converting it into an independent national high school to be known as the Tabayon National High School.

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SEC. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. – All personnel, assets, liabilities and
 records of the Jose Abad Santos National High School - Tabayon Extension are hereby
 transferred to and absorbed by the Tabayon National High School.

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SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Tabayon National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Jose Abad Santos National High School - Tabayon Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. sEC. 4. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and
 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

Approved,

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