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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is the key that allows people to move up in the world, seek better jobs, and ultimately succeed fully in life. Education is very important, and no one should be deprived of it.

The 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 Himanag High School into the Himanag National High School with the end view of promoting quality education as envisioned by the Constitution as the Municipality of Lagonoy does not have sufficient funds to support the needs of the school and its students. Due to this situation, the school and its students are currently suffering form lack of facilities, materials and qualified faculty. There is an urgent need, therefore, to pass the burden to the national government if only to pursue the constitutional mandate of promoting the right of citizens to quality education.

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

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AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIMANAG HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HIMANAG, MUNICIPALITY OF LAGONOY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE HIMANAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

SECTION 1. Conversion into a National High School. – The Himanag High School in Barangay Himanag, Municipality of Lagonoy, Province of Camarines Sur, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Himanag National High School.

- SEC. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Himanag High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Himanag National High School.
- SEC. 3. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Himanag National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Balaton National High School Himanag Annex. 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 purpose of this Act.
- SEC. 5. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,