

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2461

Introduced by Representative Peter John D. Calderon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Montaneza National High School - Sorsogon Extension in Barangay Sorsogon, Municipality of Malabuyoc, Province of Cebu, from the Montaneza National High School, converting it into an independent national high school to be known as Sorsogon (Malabuyoc) National High School.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides:


"SECTION 1. 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."

Filipinos give prime importance to education. It is recognized as a major tool in developing skills to secure gainful employment and a bright future. Access to education is also considered as a basic human right, and an indispensable instrument for developing a person, community and country. Thus, the government is mandated to make it accessible to all.

The Montaneza National High School - Sorsogon Extension was founded in 1994. It has been providing high school education to the residents of Barangay Sorsogon and its neighboring barangays for twenty-four years. To accommodate the growing population of students, it is necessary to expand and equip it with adequate educational facilities and resources to continually provide quality secondary basic education.

The conversion of the Montaneza National High School - Sorsogon Extension into an independent national high school will provide better opportunities and learning conditions for pursuing secondary education. It will also decongest other schools in nearby barangays.

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


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AN ACT

**SEPARATING THE MONTANEZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL -
SORSOGON EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SORSOGON,
MUNICIPALITY OF MALABUYOC, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM
THE MONTANEZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT
INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE SORSOGON (MALABUYOC) NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Montaneza National High School - Sorsogon
Extension in Barangay Sorsogon, Municipality of Malabuyoc, Province of Cebu
is hereby separated from the Montaneza National High School and converted
into an independent national high school to be known as the Sorsogon
(Malabuyoc) National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Montaneza
National High School - Sorsogon Extension are hereby transferred to and
absorbed by the Sorsogon (Malabuyoc) National High School.

1 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
2 Department's program the operationalization of the Sorsogon (Malabuyoc)
3 National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the
4 current year's appropriation for the Montaneza National High School –
5 Sorsogon Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued
6 operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
7 Act.

8 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and
9 regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

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

12 Approved,