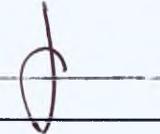


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

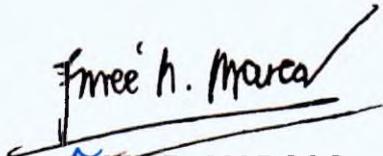
Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "*the State shall give priority to education.*" The Constitution further declares that the "*State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.*"

The Municipality of Sibuco is located in the southernmost part of the province of Zamboanga del Norte bordering both Zamboanga City and the province of Zamboanga Sibugay. According to the 2020 census, it has a population of 36,049 people. Among the 67 municipalities in Zamboanga Peninsula, Sibuco emerged as the poorest municipality with poverty magnitude of 91.41% based on the Department of Social Welfare and Development's household assessment conducted in 2019, which aimed to identify the country's poor. Based on the 2019 data, out of 7,983 households assessed in Sibuco, 7,297 were categorized as poor.

Hence, the bill seeks to separate the Sibuco National High School-Pangian Annex in Barangay Pangian, Municipality of Sibuco, Province of Zamboanga del Norte,

converting it into an independent national high school to be known as the Pangian National High School. The separation of Pangian Annex from the Sibuco National High School is perceived to provide the local education system the needed boost for a community where most of its inhabitants are underprivileged. This will bring the basic education closer to the constituents of Sibuco, and consequently equip them with the necessary opportunities and skills to break the cycle of poverty and succeed in life.

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

  
**IMEE R. MARCOS**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Sibuco National High School-Pangian Annex in Barangay  
2 Pangian, Municipality of Sibuco, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated  
3 from the Sibuco National High School and converted into an independent national high  
4 school to be known as Pangian National High School.

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6           **SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Sibuco National High  
7 School-Pangian Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Pangian National  
8 High School.

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10           **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the  
11 Department's program the operationalization of the Pangian National High School, the  
12 initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the  
13 Sibuco National High School-Pangian Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the  
14 continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations  
15 Act.

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1           **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the Secretary of  
2 Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of  
3 this Act.

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

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*Approved,*