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**Introduced by SENATOR WIN GATCHALIAN**

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**AN ACT**  
**SEPARATING THE VITALI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SINOROPAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY LICOMO, ZAMBOANGA CITY FROM THE VITALI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SINOROPAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The term access to education refers to the ways in which educational institutions and policies ensure that students have equal and equitable opportunities to take full advantage of their education.<sup>1</sup> In the Philippines, the 1987 Constitution guarantees the right to quality basic education and that the State shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.<sup>2</sup>

A school annex is created to serve as a band-aid solution to provide access to meet the education needs of the community while waiting for a more permanent solution, such as the establishment of an independent school in

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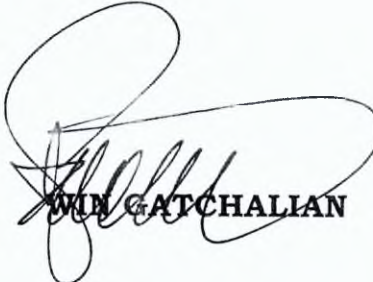
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.edglossary.org/access/>  
<sup>2</sup> Article XIV, Section 2, 1987 Constitution

the said community. It is an existing public school campus that is fully dependent on its mother school but located in another school site, however, the administration, management and control rests with the mother school.<sup>3</sup>

This existing school annex has four feeder schools with a total of 253 enrollees and has a total of 9 teachers, 7 of which are borrowed from the mother school. Based on the growing number of students from the 4 catchment primary schools, high school enrollees will continue to increase in the coming years. Prior to the establishment of the Vitali National High School-Sinoropan Annex, students spent a huge portion of their time travelling to and from their school, which is one of the reasons why some students dropped out of school. The establishment of an independent high school in the said location will benefit approximately five adjacent barangays in the said district, meeting the needs of the community.<sup>4</sup>

This bill seeks the separation of the Vitali National High School-Sinoropan Annex from its mother school to become a separate and independent school which would entitle the school to have its own budget, therefore maximizing the educational services being offered to its students.

In view of the foregoing, I earnestly seek the support of this Congress for the approval of this bill.



**JUN GATCHALIAN**

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<sup>3</sup> DepEd Order No. 40, series of 2014 or the Revised Guidelines on the Establishment, Merging, Conversion, and Naming/Renaming of Public Schools, and Separation of School Annexes in Basic Education

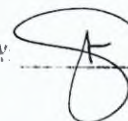
<sup>4</sup> Transcript of the House of Representatives' Committee Hearing dated November 11, 2021

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

1           Section 1. The Vitali National High School – Sinoropan Annex in  
2 Barangay Licomo, Zamboanga City is hereby separated from the Vitali  
3 National High School and converted into an independent national high school  
4 to be known as Sinoropan National High School.

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6           Sec. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Vitali National  
7 High School – Sinoropan Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by  
8 the Sinoropan National 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 Sinoropan National High

1 School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's  
2 appropriation of the Vitali National High School – Sinoropan Annex.  
3 Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school  
4 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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6 Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the  
7 Secretary of Education shall promulgate the rules and regulations  
8 implementing the provisions of this Act.

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

*Approved,*