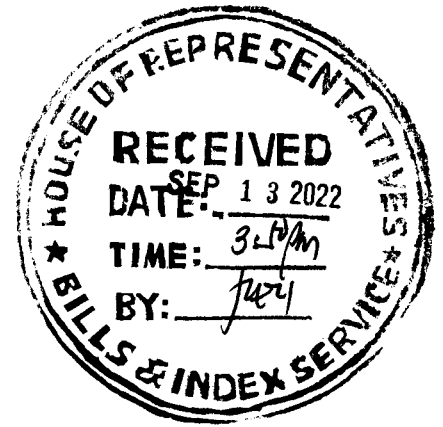


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4770



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to separate the Bucana Elementary School-Hatib Asamuddin Extension from the Bucana Elementary School, and convert it into an independent elementary school to be known as the Hatib Asamuddin Elementary School.

Bucana Elementary School-Hatib Asamuddin Extension is located at Barangay Bucana, in the Municipality of Siocon, a first-class municipality in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. Currently, it has 210 students from Kinder to Grade 5, with more students expected to enroll in the succeeding years.

The separation of Hatib Asamuddin Extension from Bucana Elementary School is sought considering that it is the most accessible school for the constituents of some parts of Barangays Latabon and Bucana in Siocon and its nearby barangays. Moreover, since Bucana Elementary School already has 822 Grades 1-6 students, the conversion of Hatib Asamuddin Extension as an independent elementary school will make education more accessible to students, as the latter will be provided with more funds necessary for the construction of classrooms and employment of permanent teaching and non-teaching personnel.

It is also noteworthy that the separation of Hatib Asamuddin Extension from its mother school and its establishment as an independent school is recommended by the Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte.

In turn, this measure will uphold the State's mandate under the Constitution 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."

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

  
**ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG**

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**AN ACT SEPARATING  
THE BUCANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-HATIB ASAMUDDIN EXTENSION  
IN BARANGAY BUCANA, MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON,  
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE  
BUCANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO  
AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS  
HATIB ASAMUDDIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Bucana Elementary School-Hatib Asamuddin Extension in Barangay Bucana, Municipality of Siocon, Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby separated from the Bucana Elementary School and converted into an independent elementary school to be known as the Hatib Asamuddin Elementary School.

**SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Bucana Elementary School-Hatib Asamuddin Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Hatib Asamuddin Elementary School.

**SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Hatib Asamuddin Elementary School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Bucana Elementary School-Hatib Asamuddin Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4.** The Secretary of Education shall issue the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days after its effectivity.

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

Approved,