

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10007, February 23, 2010]

**AN ACT SEPARATING THE STA. CRUZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL —
BATO ANNEX IN BARANGAY BATO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA.
CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR FROM THE STA. CRUZ
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BATO
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. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.* — The Sta. Cruz National High School — Bato Annex in Barangay Bato, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Davao del Sur is hereby separated from the Sta. Cruz National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Bato National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* — All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Sta. Cruz National High School — Bato Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Bato National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* — The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Bato National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Sta. Cruz National High School — Bato 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 rules and regulations that 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,

(Sgd.) JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of Senate

(Sgd.) PROSPERO C. NOGRALES
*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on October 2, 2008 and October 6, 2009, respectively.