

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10779, May 03, 2016 ]**

**AN ACT SEPARATING THE LEPANTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL —  
PALATONG ANNEX IN SITIO PALATONG, BARANGAY TABIO,  
MUNICIPALITY OF MANKAYAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM  
THE LEPANTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO  
AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS  
TABIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR**

SECTION 1. The Lepanto National High School — Palatong Annex in Sitio Palatong, Barangay Tabio, Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet is hereby separated from the Lepanto National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Tabio National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Lepanto National High School — Palatong Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Tabio National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Tabio National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Lepanto National High School — Palatong Annex. 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 rules and regulation necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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,

(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**  
*President of the Senate*

(Sgd.) **FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.**  
*Speaker of the House  
of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on February 23, 2015 and February 2, 2016, respectively.

(Sgd.) **OSCAR G. YABES**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

(Sgd.) **MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP**  
*Secretary General  
House of Representatives*