Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of July, two thousand twenty-one.

[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11661]

AN ACT SEPARATING THE CELESTINO G. TABUENA MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL—MERCEDES B. PERALTA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY GUINLAJON, WEST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON FROM THE CELESTINO G. TABUENA MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MERCEDES B. PERALTA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Celestino G. Tabuena Memorial National High School—Mercedes B. Peralta Senior High School Extension in Barangay Guinlajon, West District, Sorsogon City, Province of Sorsogon is hereby separated from the Celestino G. Tabuena
Memorial National High School and converted into an independent senior high school to be known as Mercedes B. Peralta Senior High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Celestino G. Tabuena Memorial National High School – Mercedes B. Peralta Senior High School Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Mercedes B. Peralta Senior High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Mercedes B. Peralta Senior High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Celestino G. Tabuena Memorial National High School – Mercedes B. Peralta Senior High School Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

VICENTE C. SOTTO III  LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
President of the Senate  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 of the Philippines on August 25, 2021 and December 13, 2021, respectively.

Approved: MAR 24 2022

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
President of the Philippines