

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 474



Introduced by Congressman JOSE G. SOLIS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish Bulusan High School located at the boundary of Brgy. Madlawon and Brgy. Dancalan, Bulusan, Sorsogon with the three classes of first year students for the school year 2001 - 2002. This will be funded by the local Municipal Board of Bulusan and the Provincial School Board of Sorsogon until such time that the proposed secondary school shall be legislated and included in the General Appropriation Act (GAA) for the succeeding year. A temporary school building of three (3) classrooms and one (1) office/faculty room shall be constructed for the purpose.

The proposed establishment of Bulusan High School is 10-minute tricycle ride and other vehicle-ride from the poblacion of Bulusan. It has more or less 3,965 households/families in the said municipality and twelve (12) complete elementary schools. The municipality of Bulusan has four (4) secondary schools, namely:

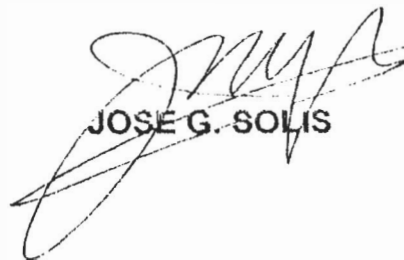
1. Buhang National High School - located at Barangay San Vicente (Buhang) which is 8 kilometer away from the poblacion and is catering to students from San Vicente (Buhang), Bagacay, Sta. Barbara, Porog, San Isidro, Dancalan and even barangays in the poblacion, all in Bulusan; Macabari, Layog and Sta. Cruz (all barangays of Barcelona).
2. Bulusan National vocational and Technical School - located at barangay Poctol near the poblacion, a TESDA school but offering a very limited enrolment of thirty (30) students for the last school year 2000 - 2001, which is vocationally oriented. And will eventually phase-out its secondary course to give way to post-secondary courses, the TESDA program.
3. Jose S. Reyes Memorial Institute at Barangay Sapngan near the poblacion which is a private institution.

4. San Roque national High School - located at barangay San Roque and is 8 kms. away from the poblacion; serving the students from San Roque, Salvacion and even part of San Rafael all of Bulusan, also Mapaso and Patag of Irosin.

These bill aims to bring the services of free secondary education closer to the poor families of Bulusan in line with the program of FREE EDUCATION FOR ALL.

After graduation, very few of the students from the poblacion, barangays and sitios continue their secondary education because of the distance of the public secondary high school which is 8 kms. away from the poblacion or the higher tuition fees and other fees imposed by the Technical Vocational School to limit enrolment of 30 students only.

Only those parents who can afford to send their children to the high schools outside the poblacion or to the private high school continue their studies. It takes strong determination on the part of the parents and the students of poor families to pursue high school education. As a result, elementary graduates become high school drop-outs and out-of-school youth who are considered liabilities to the parents and the communities where they belong. Another problem why the municipality of Bulusan must have a public high school within the poblacion, most families belong to the low-income level. The low-income families are strongly clamoring for a public secondary school near the poblacion where they could enroll their children with less expense.



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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DANCALAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF BULUSAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN
AS BULUSAN HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Secondary School in Barangay Dancalan, to be known as Bulusan High School.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue such rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the establishment, operation and maintenance of said high school shall be funded out of the appropriations of the Department of Education for the new high school. Thereafter, the sum needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the Annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved.