

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 522



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Introduced by: Rep. ROMUALDO T. VICENCIO
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This re-filed bill, HB No. 4792 in the Twelfth Congress, was already approved on third reading as HB No. 5650. It was forwarded to the Senate of the Philippines on March 12, 2003 and was referred to the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture for further deliberation. Unfortunately, since the referral on March 19, 2003, it was not acted upon by the said committee until the end of the Twelfth Congress.

This bill seeks to establish the Laoang National High School in Barangay Guilaoangi within the town proper of the Municipality of Laoang, Province of Northern Samar.

The municipality of Laoang has two (2) schools for secondary education – the Colegio de Sta. Teresita (CST), a private school, and the former Laoang National Trade School (LNTS), now University of Eastern Philippines – Laoang, by virtue of Republic Act No. 7722. Due to the integration of LNTS to the University of Eastern Philippines, the University has limited the number of enrollees in the High School. As a consequences thereof, as of school year 2001-2002, the number of students in the so-called Laoang National High School has increased to 908 students coming from different barangays.

The so-called Laoang National High School is operating on the initiative of the Provincial and Municipal governments without a law for its existence. It started to operate with four teachers having been paid by the municipal government.

The said Provincial and Municipal governments are meeting financial difficulties in maintaining said school. Hence, it is imperative that it be truly nationalized.

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the constitutional policy of protecting and promoting the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and make education accessible to all, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GUILAOANGI,
MUNICIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR TO BE
KNOWN AS THE LAOANG NATIONAL 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. *Establishment of a National High School.* - There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Guilaoangi, Municipality of Laoang, Province of Northern Samar to be known as the Laoang National High School.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Laoang National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementation.* - The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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