

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

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 543



INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE FRED H. CASTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of our Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education, and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Likewise, Republic Act No. 6655 has made it a government policy to provide every citizen with free public secondary education.

In line with the foregoing policy pronouncements, this bill seeks to establish a national high school in Barangay San Antonio in the Municipality of Cuartero in the Province of Capiz, to be known as the San Antonio National High School.

The town of Cuartero, which is presently composed of twenty two (22) barangays, has a population of 26,477 more or less. It lies at a distance from the more developed and thriving cities of Roxas and Iloilo.

Facilities for secondary education are inadequate in this town. The next nearest secondary school is thirty (30) kilometers more or less away from the Poblacion, far beyond the reach of most students who come from low-income families. Thus, despite the implementation of Republic Act No. 6655, many of the town's students are denied the opportunity to benefit from free secondary schooling.

Prodded by the dramatic increase in primary schools in the town and adjacent areas, and aggravated by the distance from one town to another, the local education officials of Capiz authorized the accreditation of a national high school in San Antonio under the powers vested by Section VII of R.A. 6655 and Section 1 of Executive Order No. 189.

This measure will surely address the prevailing inadequacies and sad plight of secondary students coming from remote and far-flung barangays whose road conditions are bad not only during rainy days but also in good weather condition. Besides, this will be another memorable landmark in the history of Cuartero.

Since this measure will upgrade the learning of the people in the town and its suburban areas, its approval is highly recommended and earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO,
MUNICIPALITY OF CUARTERO, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN
ANTONIO 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. There shall be established, under the supervision and control of the
Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay San Antonio, Municipality of
Cuartero, Province of Capiz to be known as the San Antonio National High School.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall immediately include in its
program and issue such rules and regulations for the operationalization of the San Antonio
National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual ~~General~~
Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,