

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1078

Introduced by Honorable RUY ELIAS C. LOPEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of the Sto. Niño National High School in Barangay Sto. Niño, Tugbok District, Davao City.

The government aims to promote the right of Filipinos to quality education pursuant to the 1987 Philippine Constitution, to wit:

“The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”(Section 1, Article XIV, The Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, 1987)

The creation of a public high school in Barangay Sto. Niño will essentially and particularly address the problem faced by a majority of the families residing in this barangay, whose family income is not enough to be able to send their children to high schools located in urban areas of Davao City or in other barangays which are several kilometers away.

Furthermore, Barangay Sto. Niño is a relocation site of squatter families whose houses were destroyed during the fire in Piapi, Davao City sometime in the 1970s. Through the years, the community grew and at present, this barangay has a population of around 15,000, almost all of whom are squatter relocatees. Hence, the need for the government to provide them a high school within their community, as the people in the barangay obviously belong to those below the poverty line.

With the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO, TUGBOK DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN
AS THE STO. NIÑO 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 is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Sto. Niño, Tugbok District, Davao City to be known as the Sto. Niño National High School.

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

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

Section 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,