

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1079



Introduced by Honorable RUY ELIAS C. LOPEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of the Baracatan National High School in Barangay Baracatan, Toril District, Davao City.

It is the government's thrust to promote the right of Filipinos to quality education as embodied in 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)

Barangay Baracatan is inhabited mostly by indigenous peoples, and is one of the cultural communities located in the mountainous regions of Toril District, Davao City, where the most accessible center for secondary education is to be found, several kilometers away in Toril Proper. The creation of a public high school in Barangay Baracatan will greatly minimize the costs of schooling by eliminating the need for the natives, whose meager income from agriculture is not sufficient to provide for board and lodging expenses in sending their children to Toril Proper for schooling. Furthermore, parents could supervise their children's education more closely; not to mention the fact that, students would be farther from distractions and temptations of urban life. Going to high school right in their own barangay and near their families would also influence and convince the youth to help their parents in the farmlands, Barangay Baracatan being an agricultural community.

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

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
IN BARANGAY BARACATAN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN
AS THE BARACATAN 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 Baracatan, Toril District, Davao City to be known as the Baracatan National High School.

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

Section 3. The Secretary of Education, Culture, and Sports 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,