

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1192

Introduced by: **HON. FELIX R. ALFELOR, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was filed with the 12th Congress as House Bill No. 6452 with the following explanatory note:

“The Constitution explicitly mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. In pursuance of this expressed Constitutional Mandate, Congress passed Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the “*Free Secondary Education Act of 1988*”. The government in effect, assumes the responsibility of ensuring the Filipino youth, who has completed elementary education, to have access to secondary level of education through public high school.

The present financial position of most local government units, including the Province of Camarines Sur, has severely affected the maintenance and operation of locally- funded high schools in their respective jurisdictions. There is therefore a great possibility that the present high school in Barangay San Vicente in the Municipality of Bato, Province of Camarines Sur will be closed to the detriment of the poor school children.

It is worthy to mention that presently, there is no national high school existing in the Municipality of Bato, province of Camarines Sur.

The conversion therefore, of the present San Vicente High School into Bato National High School will not only be a concrete step to realize the noble intent of RA 6655 but also a timely gesture to the persistent calls of poor residents of this barangay, whose dire need for education has been barred by poverty.”

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill, which was filed before the 12th Congress but not acted upon its adjournment, is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SAN VICENTE PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL, IN
BARANGAY SAN VICENTE, MUNICIPALITY OF BATO, PROVINCE OF
CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
THE BATO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The present San Vicente High School in Barangay San Vicente, Municipality of Bato, Province of Camarines Sur, is hereby converted into a National High School to be known as the Bato National High School.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) shall implement the provision of this Act.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's Program the operationalization of the Bato National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the San Vicente Provincial High School, and thereafter in the Annual Gen. Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval

Approved