

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

Thirteenth Congress

Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1741

Introduced by Honorable Albert S. Garcia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a national high school in the Municipality of Orion, Province of Bataan, to be known as the Orion National High School.

It is a declared policy of the State "to give priority to education, science, and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development" (Article II, Section 17, 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines)

A system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels is mandatory in the government agenda of nation building and people empowerment, to be able to serve even the under-privileged who cannot afford the increasing educational costs in private schools.

The Municipality of Orion remains to be the only municipality in the Province of Bataan that does not have a public high school, thus depriving the poor but diligent students from Orion who desire to pursue secondary education the chance to fulfill their dream. Its vision of providing the poor but deserving students quality but affordable secondary education is consistent with the call of Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for the youth to arm themselves with good education to fight poverty among their midst.

There is an therefore an urgent need for a national high school to be established in the municipality of Orion, to serve the growing demand for free secondary education of the less affluent students.

Immediate passage of this bill will provide the youth of Orion a better option for secondary education and will enhance opportunity to develop into useful and productive citizens.

In view of the foregoing the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ORION, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE
“ORION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created a national high school in the Municipality of Orion, Province of Bataan to be known as the Orion National High School.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall immediately include in its program and issue such rules and regulations for the operationalization of the Orion National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,