

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2159

Introduced by HONORABLE ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a national high school in Barangay Southern Davao in the City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte to be known as the Southern Davao National High School.

Located six (6) kilometers away from the poblacion area, Brgy. Southern Davao is home to some 500 children aged 7-12 and more than 3,000 adults and young adults.

There are at least five (5) elementary schools in the neighboring barangays of Nanyo, New Malitbog, Datu Abdul, Cabili and Cebuano, which are situated within one (1) to three (3) kilometer radius from Brgy. Southern Davao. Graduates of these institutions will likely turn to the proposed national high school in Brgy. Southern Davao as the present private and public secondary schools are inaccessible due to their distance.

To many, college is somewhat beyond their reach since local youths, mostly coming from poor families, opt to either look for whatever menial jobs available in and outside the locality or attend to their respective family farms after graduating from high school.

It is therefore of utmost importance to establish an educational institution, which will grant the youth their right to obtain a free yet competitive and practical secondary education. Likewise, this would transform into reality the Constitutional mandate stated in Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution that –

"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."

Moreover, Republic Act No. 6655, otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Act of 1988" guarantees the efficient and effective implementation of the State's policy of providing free secondary education.

In view hereof, the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SOUTHERN
DAVAO, CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE
KNOWN AS SOUTHERN DAVAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of National High School* - There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Brgy. Southern Davao, City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte to be known as the Southern Davao National High School.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Southern Davao National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,