

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

House Bill No. 2203

Introduced by Honorable **MA. ANGELICA ROSEDELL M. AMANTE**

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABADBARAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CABADBARAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes the immediate establishment of a National High School in the poblacion of Cabadbaran, the biggest of the eleven (11) municipalities in the province of Agusan del Norte.

Cabadbaran has been experiencing a crisis in the availability of free public secondary education because while it is the largest town in the province, it is one of the three (3) remaining municipalities that has no national high school.

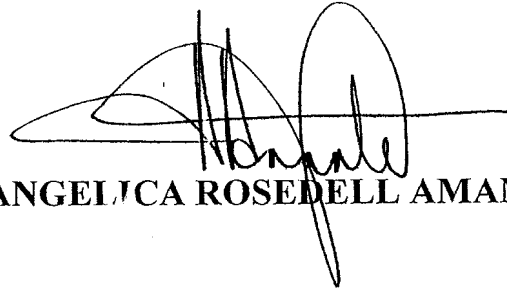
The conversion in 1992 of the Northern Mindanao School of Arts and Trade (NMSAT), then the town's only public high school, into the Northern Mindanao College of Arts, Science and Technology (NMCAST), has resulted in the gradual displacement of hundreds of high school students. NMCAST, an institution under the supervision of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), only operates a laboratory high school with imposed enrolment quota. As a result, high school education has now become very expensive for parents in the municipality as they are constrained to avail of the services of private schools for the education of their children.

Apart from being the biggest municipality in the entire Agusan del Norte, Cabadbaran is now the capital town of the province and now a booming commercial center. The upgrading of Cabadbaran's educational institutions would indeed significantly complement the strategic role of the municipality in the development of the province.

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In line with the purpose of the Free Public Secondary Act of 1988, the establishment of the Cabadbaran National High School will therefore ensure the provision of quality, accessible and free public secondary education among the youth and students in the municipality of Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte.

Approval of this re-filed bill is therefore earnestly sought.

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

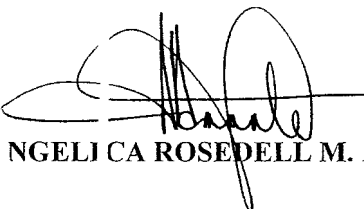
SECTION 1. A national high school is hereby established in the Poblacion of the Municipality of Cabadbaran, Province of Agusan del Norte, to be known as the Cabadbaran National High School.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act, particularly for the school's maintenance and operation, shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved.


MA. ANGELICA ROSEDELL M. AMANTE