

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **3605**



Introduced by **REP. BENASING O. MACARAMBON, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution mandates the State to "*protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education, and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.*" In fact, to lend substance to this mandate, Republic Act No. 6655 has made it a government policy to provide every citizen with free public secondary education.

In line with all these, this bill seeks to appropriate funds necessary to construct at least eight (8) one-classroom school buildings for the Tataya National High School in the Municipality of Balabagan, Province of Lanao del Sur.

Republic Act No. 8580 and a modest allocation under the 1997 General Appropriations Act allowed the Tataya National High School to open its doors on February 28, 1998.

From the first time it accepted enrollees, the school has been granted modest, if not negligible, financial support by the national government. In fact, classes are presently being held in temporary, makeshift *nipa* huts.

This measure will address the prevailing inadequacies and sorry conditions of the presently-operating Tataya National High School by guaranteeing support for it—a guarantee that can be afforded by way of legislating for appropriations that will allow it to undertake much-needed infrastructure development.

Because this measure will ultimately allow for the development of a competent human resource base so necessary to sustain economic growth in the town, province and region, its approval is highly recommended and earnestly sought.

BENASING O. MACARAMBON, JR.

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AN ACT
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EIGHT (8) ONE-CLASSROOM
SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR THE TATAYA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF BALABAGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be appropriated ample funds, under the current budget of the Department of Education, for the construction of eight (8) one-classroom school buildings for the Tataya National High School in the Municipality of Balabagan, Province of Lanao del Sur.

SECTION 2. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the school's expansion, infrastructure development, operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,