

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4582

Introduced by Honorable RUY ELIAS C. LOPEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of the Elias B. Lopez Memorial National High School in Barangay Eden, Toril District, Davao City.

It is the government's principal thrust to support and promote the right of Filipinos to quality education as embodied in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, to wit:

“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.”(Section 1, Article XIV, The Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, 1987)

The site of the proposed Elias B. Lopez Memorial National High School shall be at barangay Eden, more particularly at the old school site. Eden is a far flung barangay which is situated on the slopes of Mount Apo. Barangay Eden is a part of the Three Ridges (Catigan-Eden-Tagurano) Intergrated Area Development (TRIAD) Project of the City Government of Davao. Two of the barangays included in the TRIAD, namely Eden and Tagurano have been declared as Eco-tourism Zone by virtue of City Zoning Ordinance No. 4042, Series of 1996.

In terms of distance from Poblacion Toril, barangay Eden is situated some twelve (12) kilometers away, while its neighboring barangays Bayabas and Tagurano are seven (7) and fifteen (15) kilometers away respectively.

The area of influence of the proposed Elias B. Lopez Memorial National High School shall spread over the barangays of Eden, Bayabas, Tagurano and a portion of Catigan all in Toril District, Davao City. Barangay Eden is centrally located among the three barangays and is also the core of the Three Ridges Integrated Area Development (TRIAD) Project of the City Government.

In the past, these remote barangays have been deprived of a free public secondary education, which resulted in the low school participation rate among the youth ranging from 12 to 16 years of age. This is mainly due to the distance between these barangays from Toril Poblacion where the two (2) public secondary schools are located. The development of the TRIAD requires the provision of social services, such as education, which is necessary for training of future leaders and the social transformation of the people in the area.

It is without doubt that the establishment of a public secondary school would facilitate the educational preparation of the manpower requirement of the tourism industry in the area in the future.

With the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruy Elias C. Lopez', with a stylized, cursive script.

RUY ELIAS C. LOPEZ

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AN ACT SEPARATING THE CROSSING BAYABAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL –
ELIAS B. LOPEZ MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX
IN BARANGAY EDEN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY, FROM THE CROSSING
BAYABAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ELIAS B.
LOPEZ MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The Crossing Bayabas National High School – Elias B. Lopez Memorial High School Annex in Barangay Eden, Toril District, Davao City, is hereby separated from the Crossing Bayabas National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as the Elias B. Lopez Memorial National High School.

Section 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Crossing Bayabas National High School – Elias B. Lopez Memorial High School Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Elias B. Lopez Memorial National High School.

Section 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Elias B. Lopez Memorial National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,