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House Bill No. 3511

Introduced by: Rep. Imelda Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 17 of the Constitution mandates that: "The State shall 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." The State further recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building, and as such, accords the highest protection and promotion of "the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all," as affirmed by Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution.

This bill aims to provide the youth of Lanao del Norte with access to free and quality education through the establishment of a public secondary school, to be located in Barangay Delabayan, Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte, and to be known as Sultan Dimasangkay Mananggolo Integrated School.

During the early 1970's, there was a proposal to establish a public secondary school in Barangay Delabayan; however, this did not materialize in the midst of socio-political turmoil in the region. Delabayan and its neighboring barangays in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte are now in dire need of a public secondary school serving the area, due to the increasing number of students graduating from elementary school every year. Furthermore, the distance of Barangay Delabayan proper to existing high schools in the coastal region is around thirteen kilometers, preventing a majority of elementary graduates from pursuing their secondary studies.

The province prides itself as a major contributor to the overall development of Mindanao. It is our hope that the youth of Lanao del Norte shall be given equal access to educational opportunities, which will allow them to graduate from their respective secondary schools with the necessary values, skills, and competence to face an increasingly competitive job market and to contribute greatly to the future of our local and regional communities.

On the basis of the foregoing considerations, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
DELABAYAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAUSWAGAN, PROVINCE OF
LANAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS SULTAN DIMASANGKAY
MANANGGOLO INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of a National High School.* – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Delabayan in the Municipality of Kauswagan, Province of Lanao Del Norte, to be known as Sultan Dimasangkay Mananggolo Integrated School.

SEC. 2. *Compliance to K to 12 Basic Education Program.* – Sultan Dimasangkay Mananggolo Integrated School shall follow the K to 12 Basic Education Program as provided by pertinent rules and regulations issued by the Department of Education, or, in default thereof, internationally acceptable best practices in curriculum design in primary and secondary education.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of Sultan Dimasangkay Mananggolo Integrated School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,