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Batasan Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 809



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE AURORA ENERIO-CERILLES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the duty of the State to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the high school level, to protect and promote the right of citizens to quality education, and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. This bill seeks to carry out this duty through the establishment of a National High School in Barangay Tarakan, Municipality of Dinas, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

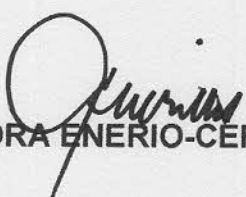
A barangay of a 4th class municipality, Barangay Tarakan has a sizable number of elementary graduates, majority of which are ethnic Maguindanaoans. These residents have been deprived of secondary education because of the limited number of high schools in the vicinity which is located more than five (5) kilometers away from the barangay.

Moreover, Barangay Tarakan is a conflict-afflicted area which further hinders the residents' right to accessible education and deprives the barangay the opportunity to develop its community. This bill does not only give utmost importance to education but also helps improve the peace and order situation, create economic opportunities and strengthen our national economy.

Establishing a National High School in Barangay Tarakan would result to more educated Filipinos who would then have better opportunities to improve their living standards and improve the peace and order situation in the area.

Education provides citizens the necessary knowledge, skills, and values that will support the country's economic growth and will make the country progressive and prosperous. Accessible education helps break the vicious cycle of poverty from one generation to the next, improving the quality of the residents' lives in various aspects – economic, social, cultural, political, and spiritual.

I therefore seek the immediate passage of this very important bill.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TARAKAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF DINAS, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE
KNOWN AS TARAKAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREOF**

Be it enacted by the Senate and 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 (DepEd), a National High School in Barangay Tarakan, Municipality of Dinas, Province of Zamboanga del Sur to be known as Tarakan National High School.

Section 2. Appropriations. The amount necessary for the implementation of this act shall be charged to the appropriation of the DepEd under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the sum needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.