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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3010



Introduced by Representative REGINA ONGSIAKO REYES
Lone District, Marinduque

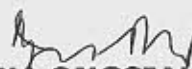
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. It likewise mandates the State to establish and to maintain a system of free education both in the elementary and high school levels. It is in this light that this Bill proposes to nationalize the Buenavista National High School extension campus in Barangay Bagtingon, in keeping with the government's major educational thrust of improving the accessibility of basic education by establishing schools in remote and far-flung areas for rural youth to avail of free secondary educational program.

The Bagtingon campus was established in June 2002 to accommodate the hundreds of graduates of elementary schools located in Barangay Bagtingon and nearby barangays in that remote part of the municipality. This is to ensure the continuing availment of our youth of free secondary education, unhampered by the prohibitive cost of transportation on top of school-related expenses, especially since the area is a considerable distance from the Poblacion where the Buenavista NHS is located. The presence of a National High School therefore provides for convenience in terms of time and financial management for both students and their parents.

Standing on a half-hectare lot acquired by the Barangay Council, the Bagtingon extension of the Buenavista NHS has one temporary classroom being used by one section of the first year students and one section of the second year students of the main campus. Nationalizing the Bagtingon campus therefore and making it independent from the mother campus is expected to open opportunities for introducing infrastructure improvements, generating employment and business opportunities for the locals, and boosting the morale of the whole community. It will also allow the awarding of more teaching items to the school which will certainly benefit the students.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
NATIONALIZING THE BAGTINGON ANNEX OF THE
BUENAVISTA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BUENAVISTA,
MARINDUQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BAGTINGON 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. Establishment of National High School. There is hereby established under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Bagtingon, Municipality of Buenavista, Province of Marinduque to be known as the Bagtingon National High School.

Sec. 2. Appropriations. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Bagtingon National High School, funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Sec. 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

APPROVED.