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HOUSE BILL NO. **4124**



Introduced by **HONORABLE LANI MERCADO-REVILLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17 states:

“SECTION 17. 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.”

Further, Article 14, Section 1 mandates:

“Sec. 1. 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.”

Moreover, the same Article, Section 2, paragraphs (1) and (2) provides:

“Sec. 2. The State shall:

- (1) Establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society;
- (2) Establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels. x
x x”

It is the obligation of the State to provide a complete, adequate and integrated quality education to the youth because of their vital role in nation-building. However, in the article of Secretary General Romulo A. Virola of the National Statistical Coordination Board entitled, *Statistics on Philippine Education: Good News and Bad News*, Dr. Virola reported that the Philippines only spends 3.3% of its Gross Domestic Product on public educational institutions for all levels of education, which is lower than 7.4% for Malaysia, 4.0% for Thailand and all WEI countries and 5.2% average for OECD countries.

In the City of Bacoor right now, the teacher-student ratio is now 1:70 – far from the goal of the Department of Education to limit the ratio to 1:50. Bacoor has a population of 540,170 (NSCB, 2011). There is a need for a high school in the Salinas area because the four (4) barangays comprising it has a total population of 19,059 (NSCB, 2010). There are only five (5) high schools-Bacoor National High School, Bacoor National High School-Main, Bacoor National High School-Gawaran Annex, Bacoor National High School-Eastern Bacoor and Bacoor National High School-Villa Maria Annex, catering to the entire student population of the City of Bacoor and the nearby cities and municipalities. Thus, the urgent passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALINAS 2,
CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS SALINAS
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 Salinas National High School. There is hereby established under the supervision of the Department of Education, a high school in Barangay Salinas 2, City of Bacor, Province of Cavite, to be known as Salinas National High School.

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

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

Sec. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,