

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4256



Introduced by Honorable Arturo B. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the State to provide free elementary education. This magnanimity, however, on the part of the State becomes irrelevant in places where there are demands for elementary education but there are no available school buildings and teachers to speak of, hence, the need to establish more public elementary schools.

There is an overriding need for the establishment of a public elementary school in Barangay Muzon in the City of San Jose Del Monte. The most populated in the City, this Barangay serves as the receiving relocation site for a spill-over population of Metropolitan Manila numbering to over 4,000 families. This number further increased its population to close to over 150,000, from 149,000 in 2012.

The creation of such a public elementary school, for one, is an embodiment of the mandated provision of basic services contemplated under Republic Act 7279 or the "Urban Development and Housing Act". This law provides that resettlement areas shall be provided basic services and facilities for education. So that, while the spirit of this law is complied with via the creation of such a public elementary school, it will also ease the condition of pupils living in this Barangay who, in pursuit of elementary education, still crowds another existing government-run Benito Nieto Elementary School which is located more than five kilometers from the said relocation site.

This bill, thus, proposes the establishment of a public elementary school in Barangay Muzon, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, to be known as the "San Jose Del Monte Heights Elementary School". It is made in response to the clamor of its existing and newly-established residents to uplift their social well-being and grant them convenient access to free and quality basic education guaranteed them by the Constitution.

The approval of this bill is, thus, earnestly sought.

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**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY MUZON, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE,
PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN JOSE DEL MONTE HEIGHTS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."**

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of Public Elementary School.* There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a public elementary school in Barangay Muzon, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, to be known as the San Jose Del Monte Heights Elementary School.

SECTION 2. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the San Martin National High School, the funding of which 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. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette.