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House Bill No. 4658



Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL JOSE M. DALIPE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take necessary and appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. Likewise, Section 2 of the Constitution mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

Sacol Island, which is located in Zamboanga City, has four (4) barangays, namely: (1) Barangay Landang Laum; (2) Barangay Landang Gua; (3) Barangay Busay; and (4) Barangay Pasilmanta.

This bill proposes to create the Sacol Island National High School in Barangay Landang Gua, Zamboanga City. The establishment of the Sacol Island National High School will benefit the elementary graduates from Barangays Busay, Landang Gua, Landang Laum, Pasilmanta and Pangapuyan in the Second District of Zamboanga City. In order to pursue secondary education, these students travel to the nearest existing high schools in Barangays Arena Blanco, Talon-Talon and Mampang which even requires them to cross Sibuguey Bay.

This measure aims to provide Zamboanguenos access to quality education and, at the same time, decongest the overpopulated national high schools in the abovementioned barangays.

In view of the foregoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
LANDANG GUA, ZAMBOANGA CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS SACOL ISLAND
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a National High School in Barangay Landang Gua, Zamboanga City, to be known as the Sacol Island National High School.

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

SECTION 3. Within one hundred twenty days (120) from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.