

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10961



Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The establishment of the Tupas National High School is a success story of a meaningful collaboration between the local government unit of Barangay Tupas and school officials of the Tupas Elementary School who worked together to answer the call for an accessible secondary education in the community.

Prior to the school's establishment, students from Barangay Tupas and nearby areas would have to walk long distances from the Municipality of Antequera to the next Municipality of Maribojoc just to attend a secondary high school.

Since its establishment in 2019, Tupas High School has seen a steady increase in its enrolment, facility, faculty and program. The school opened its senior high school program in 2023 with the Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) Strand as its initial academic track offering. For the current school year, it has added Home Economics Strand and Industrial Arts Strand for the Technical-Vocational Livelihood (TVL) Track.

Enrollees come not only from Barangay Tupas from other barangays as well, specifically, Bitaugan, Sto. Rosario, Bungahan, Mag-aso, Can-omay, Viga, Villa Aurora and Loreto. Now, these students can complete their K-12 program without going to other educational institutions.

Looking ahead, Tupas High School prays for its conversion into a national high school to ensure increased funding, improved infrastructure, more teaching positions, expanded programs and greater opportunities for learners.

The conversion would empower the school to provide greater and better opportunities, enhance its programs and continue its service as a vital educational institution for Tupas and its neighboring barangays. It would further formalize the school's national status and unlock critical resources that would benefit both current and future generation of students.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the instant proposal is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE TUPAS HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TUPAS,
MUNICIPALITY OF ANTEQUERA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL,
INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE
TUPAS 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. Conversion to a National High School. – The Tupas High School, under the supervision of the Department of Education, located at Barangay Tupas, Municipality of Antequera, Province of Bohol is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Tupas National High School.

SEC. 2. Transfer of Assets. – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Tupas High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by Tupas National High School.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of Tupas National High School. The initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the high school department of Tupas High School. Thereafter, the amount as may be necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations shall provide for the school's organization, administration, operations and management, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9155, or the "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001", Republic Act No. 10533, or the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", and other basic education-related laws.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause – All acts, presidential decrees, executive orders and issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or inoperative, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,