



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 3396

Introduced by **Representative Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a national high school in Barangay Campo Islam, in the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City, to be known as the Campo Islam National High School.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., in his fourth State of the Nation Address delivered on July 28, 2025, emphasized the urgent challenges facing the Filipino youth, which include learning gaps, high dropout rates, and persistent child labor. To address these challenges, he reaffirmed his administration's unwavering commitment to prioritizing education as a national concern.

President Marcos, Jr. cited significant investments, including the construction of 18,000 classrooms by the end of his term. He also announced the nationwide implementation of the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program and renewed support for Early Childhood Care and Development, which are especially important for indigent families in the far-flung areas, such as Barangay Campo Islam in the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City.

Under Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution, "*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.*" The primary goal of basic education is to equip every Filipino child with the necessary skills, knowledge, and values to become self-reliant, productive, and patriotic citizens. The government also supports local initiatives that aim to improve the quality of education and encourage community participation in programs for children, out-of-school youth, and adult learners.

However, a significant gap persists between learners and educational institutions. This gap is characterized by a shortage of classrooms, inadequate learning materials, and limited facilities to be at par with technological advancement. Further, the creativity and dedication of teachers and school administrators are often hindered by insufficient resources.

In the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City, these problems are particularly severe. The Department of Education's Division of Zamboanga City reported that only 78 schools were ready for the 2025 *Brigada Eskwela*, while enrollment reached 133,000 students for the School Year 2025-2026. The inadequate number of classrooms left many schools using makeshift learning spaces such as shaded areas under trees, unused canteens, covered courts, or even dilapidated small staff offices. This environment is never conducive to learning and expose students to discomfort and health risks, especially during inclement weather.

Based on the Department of Education's standard criteria, the establishment of the Campo Islam National High School will definitely address the severe classroom shortage in the district. It will eliminate travel-related and incidental school expenses, improve accessibility for learners, and serve as a beacon of educational progress in the community. Most importantly, it will unite students, parents, educators, and residents in a shared mission to foster academic excellence within a safe and supportive environment.

This bill is proposed in direct response to a formal petition from the residents of Barangay Campo Islam reflecting their collective aspiration for accessible and inclusive education.

Recognizing that schools must remain the cornerstone of our formal education system, and that no student should be deprived of a quality learning environment due to a lack of infrastructure, it is an essential and crucial initiative to establish a national high school in Barangay Campo Islam in the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City.

As a critical step toward building a brighter future for our youth and ensuring the sustained development of the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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HOUSE BILL NO. **3896**

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAMPO ISLAM, ZAMBOANGA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAMPO ISLAM 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. There is hereby established in Barangay Campo Islam, Zamboanga City, a national high school to be known as the Campo Islam National High School.

The school shall be administered and supervised by the Department of Education for policy and program formulation and implementation, and technical assistance.

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

SEC. 3. 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

1 Republic Act No. 9155 or the “*Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001*”,
2 Republic Act No. 10533 or the “*Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*”, and other
3 basic education-related laws.

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

6 Approved,