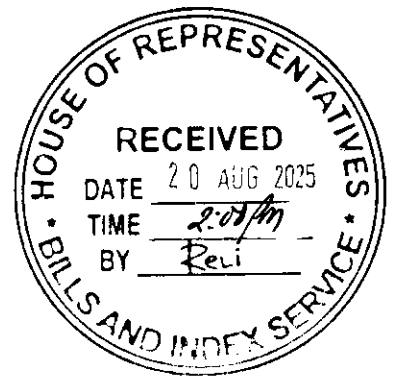




Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Twentieth Congress  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3898

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

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

His Excellency, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., in his fourth State of the Nation Address delivered on July 28, 2025, before Congress, emphasized the urgent challenges facing Filipino youth, including learning gaps, high dropout rates, and persistent child labor. In reaffirming his administration's unwavering commitment to prioritize education as a national concern, he outlined significant investments in educational infrastructure, including the construction of 18,000 classrooms by the end of his term.

It is the national policy to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality basic education, which includes free and compulsory education at the elementary level and free education at the secondary level.

A national high school in Malagutay, Zamboanga City, is needed to provide accessible and quality secondary education to the growing population of the area. Specifically, a national high school would offer free or more affordable education compared to private institutions, potentially easing the financial burden on families. It would also likely expand educational opportunities within the community, ensuring more students have access to secondary 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, this proposed measure aims to establish a national high school in Barangay Malagutay in the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City in direct response to a formal petition from the residents of Barangay Malagutay reflecting their collective aspiration for accessible and inclusive education.

It is not only timely and relevant, but also a critical step toward building a brighter future for our youth and ensuring the sustained development of the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City and the nation as a whole.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

**KATRINA REIKO CHUA - TAI**



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**AN ACT**

**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY  
MALAGUTAY, ZAMBOANGA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
MALAGUTAY 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 Malagutay,  
Zamboanga City, a national high school to be known as the Malagutay 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 Malagutay National High

1 School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
2 Appropriations Act.

3 SEC. 3. Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this  
4 Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations  
5 implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and  
6 regulations shall provide for the school's organization, administration,  
7 operations, and management, in accordance with Republic Act (RA) No. 9155 or  
8 the "*Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001*," RA 10533 or the "*Enhanced*  
9 *Basic Education Act of 2013*," and other basic education-related laws.

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

12 Approved,