



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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House Bill No. 4232

Introduced by **Representative KATRINA REIKO CHUA - TAI**
1st District, Zamboanga City

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to convert the Maasin Learning Center in Barangay Maasin, Zamboanga City, into a fully operational Maasin Integrated School, offering basic education to better serve the isolated community.

It is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right of every Filipino to quality basic education. This right includes free and compulsory elementary education, as well as free secondary education, in accordance with the Constitution and the Enhanced Basic Education Act. The primary goal is to equip every child with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to become self-reliant, productive, and responsible citizens.

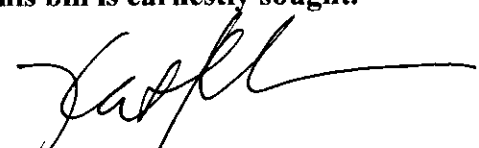
Currently, Barangay Maasin faces significant educational challenges due to its remote location. Students in the area face difficulties accessing nearby schools, with many having to travel long distances to complete their secondary education. This situation contributes to increased dropout rates and limits educational attainment for many families in the barangay.

Converting the Maasin Learning Center into an integrated school will address these gaps by providing a complete basic education program (K to 12) within the community, reducing travel time and associated risks for students, encouraging higher retention and completion rates, and promoting continuity in learning and development from early grades through high school.

Moreover, this measure supports the government's commitment to localized educational interventions, especially in rural areas. By upgrading the Maasin Learning Center, the community will benefit not only from improved access to formal education but also from expanded learning support services, including values formation, livelihood training, and digital literacy programs.

This bill addresses the urgent need to close the educational gap in remote communities and establishes a foundation for sustained social and economic progress in Barangay Maasin. I encourage your support to ensure that every child in Barangay Maasin has access to quality education.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE MAASIN LEARNING CENTER IN BARANGAY MAASIN, IN
THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO AN
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAASIN INTEGRATED
SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Maasin Learning Center in Barangay Maasin, Zamboanga City is
hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as the Maasin Integrated School.

SECTION 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Maasin Learning
Center are hereby transferred to and absorbed Maasin Integrated School.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
Department's program the operationalization of the Maasin Integrated School, the funding of
which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Within ninety days (90) 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.

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

Approved.