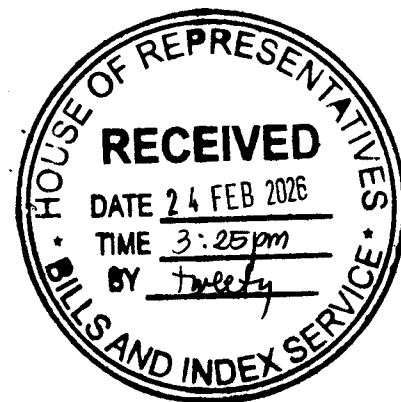




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House Bill No. 8056

Introduced by: **Representative JERRY EVANGELISTA PEREZ**
2nd District, Zamboanga City
Representative KATRINA REIKO CHUA - TAI
1st District, Zamboanga City

AN ACT
CONVERTING DULIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DULIAN WITHIN
THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRICT OF MANICAHAN, ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO AN
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE DULIAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Despite reforms, public schools still face learning gaps, student attrition, overcrowding, and poor facilities, especially in disadvantaged areas where poverty and limited access make education rights difficult to realize.

Zamboanga City has made progress in education, serving over 200,000 public school learners in more than 200 schools. However, increased enrollment strains facilities, leading to overcrowded schools, shifting schedules, and buildings in need of repair, which affects instructional quality.

In Barangay Dulian, within the Manicahan district, students attend elementary school locally but must travel far for secondary education. For low-income families, this leads to absenteeism and early withdrawal, limiting children's opportunities.

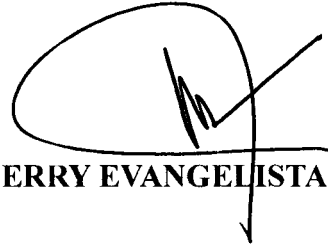
This measure proposes converting Dulian Elementary School into Dulian Integrated School, enabling it to offer a full basic education program under a single administration. This change will enable students to continue their education within their community, optimize existing resources, reduce congestion in nearby secondary schools, and support smoother transitions between grade levels.

The 1987 Constitution requires the State to provide free, quality, and accessible basic education. Legislating this right demands sustained action to ensure social justice through education.

More importantly, this measure puts into practice the constitutional mandate that access to education should not depend on geography or economic status. Children in Barangay Dulian deserve the same quality of teachers, facilities, and academic programs as those in urban areas. Providing secondary education closer to home reduces transportation burdens, lowers the risk of dropout, and encourages regular attendance. It reinforces that every learner, regardless of circumstance, deserves stability, dignity, and equal opportunity in education.

Upgrading Dulian Elementary to an Integrated School is a tangible step toward equal access, boosting human capital in Zamboanga and furthering national inclusive progress.

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



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

SECTION 1. The Dulian Elementary School in Barangay Dulian within Manicahan district, Zamboanga City, is hereby converted into an integrated school to be known as the Dulian Integrated School.

SECTION 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the Dulian Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Dulian Integrated School.

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

SECTION 4. 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.

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,