## Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Quezon City

### **EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**

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House Bill No. 3681



### INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL JOSE M. DALIPE

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take necessary and appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. Likewise, Section 2 of the Constitution mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

This bill proposes to create Lunzuran National High School in Barangay Lunzuran, Zamboanga City, to be known as Lunzuran National High School. The establishment of Lunzuran National High School will benefit not only Barangay Lunzuran but also nearby Barangays of Lumbangan and Lumayang in the Second District of Zamboanga City. Due to the high number of elementary graduates produced annually from these barangays, the need to create a new national high school becomes a priority. In order to pursue secondary education, these students travel to the nearest existing high schools located in the Barangays of Putik, Divisoria, or other private schools.

This measure aims to fulfill the Constitutional guarantee, giving *Zamboanguenos* education more accessible and at the same time decongesting the overpopulated national high schools in the area.

In view of the foregoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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### AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF LUNZURAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, IN BARANGAY LUNZURAN, ZAMBOANGA CITY

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

- **SECTION 1.** The Lunzuran National High School, in Barangay Lunzuran, Zamboanga City is hereby established as a national high school.
- **SECTION 2.** The Lunzuran National High School, shall offer general secondary education as well as technological and vocational courses to equip the youth with all necessary skills and knowledge for them to be ready in facing the life challenges.
- **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to carry out and implement the purposes of this Act.
- **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Lunzuran National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.