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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **4317**



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Introduced by: Rep. Celso L. Lobregat

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to create the Tumaga National High School, in Barangay Tumaga, Zamboanga City.


Education is the basic foundation of a civilized society. In order for a society to flourish, this basic necessity must be provided for by those who govern it.

True enough, imbued in our Constitution is the guarantee of "a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels." Education should be accessible to all and should not be held in abeyance. Education is the ultimate solution to poverty.

Presently, there is one elementary school in Barangay Tumaga, namely the Catalina Vda de Jalon Memorial School which produces more than five hundred (500) graduates every year. Twenty percent (20%) of the grade 6 completers from Catalina Vda de Jalon Memorial School enroll in the nearest secondary school, Don Pablo A. Lorenzo Memorial High School, which is located at Barangay Sta. Maria, approximately 3 kilometers away from Catalina Vda de Jalon Memorial School. Other grade six completers enroll in Pasonanca National High School, Divisoria National High School and Zamboanga City High School Main, all of which are situated more than three (3) kilometers away from Catalina Vda de Jalon Memorial School.

To this end, the creation of the Tumaga National High School shall be a concrete act for the realization of this Constitutional guarantee, making education more accessible to the youth of Barangay Tumaga and the surrounding barangays.

It is in this light that the early approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF THE TUMAGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,  
IN BARANGAY TUMAGA, ZAMBOANGA CITY 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, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Tumaga, Zamboanga City to be known as Tumaga National High School.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Education shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out and implement the purposes of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** The appropriations required for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the budget of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued operation and maintenance of the school shall be incorporated in the annual GAA.

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

APPROVED,