

**Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City**

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
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**House Bill No. 5760**



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**Introduced by Representative FLORIDA P. ROBES**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Constitution mandates the State to provide free elementary and secondary education. With the implementation of Republic Act 6655 (Free Public Secondary Education Act), the number of students wanting to avail of this benefit has increased. This magnanimity, however, on the part of the State becomes irrelevant in places where there are demands for elementary education but there are no available school buildings and teachers to speak of, hence, the need to establish more public secondary schools.

There is an overriding need for the establishment of a national high school is likewise a mandated provision of basic services contemplated under Republic Act 7279 or the "Urban Development and Housing Act". This law provides that resettlement areas shall be provided basic services and facilities for education. The establishment of a national high school in such areas is a fitting example of the spirit of RAs 6655 and 7279 because it will enable students living in these areas easy access to free and quality public secondary education.

This bill, thus, proposes the establishment of a public secondary school in Barangay San Manuel, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, to be known as the "San Manuel National High School". It is made in response to the clamor of its existing and newly-established residents to uplift their social well-being and grant them convenient access to free and quality basic education guaranteed them by the Constitution.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly urged.

  
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AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN  
SAN MANUEL, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE,  
PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
SAN MANUEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

**SECTION 1. Establishment of a National High School.** – There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay San Manuel, City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan, to be known as the San Manuel National High School.

**SECTION 2. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs, the operationalization of the San Manuel National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 3. Implementation.** – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act

**SECTION 4. Effectivity.** – This shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette.

*Approved.*