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House Bill No. **4315**



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Introduced by: Rep. Celso L. Lobregat

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to create the Cawit National High School, in Barangay Cawit, 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.

Cawit is a shoreline barangay with three (3) feeder elementary schools, but has no existing secondary school. At present, Cawit Elementary School produces more than one hundred (100) graduates every year. Sixty percent (60%) of the grade 6 completers from Cawit Elementary School enroll in Ayala National High School which is situated approximately three (3) kilometers away from Cawit Elementary School. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the grade six completers enroll in Recodo National High School which is situated approximately two (2) kilometers away from Cawit Elementary School, whilst the remaining fifteen percent (15%) enroll in the newly created Tulungatung National High School.

To this end, the creation of the Cawit National High School shall be a concrete act for the realization of this Constitutional guarantee, making education more accessible to the youth of Barangay Cawit 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 CAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,  
IN BARANGAY CAWIT, 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 Cawit, Zamboanga City to be known as Cawit 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,