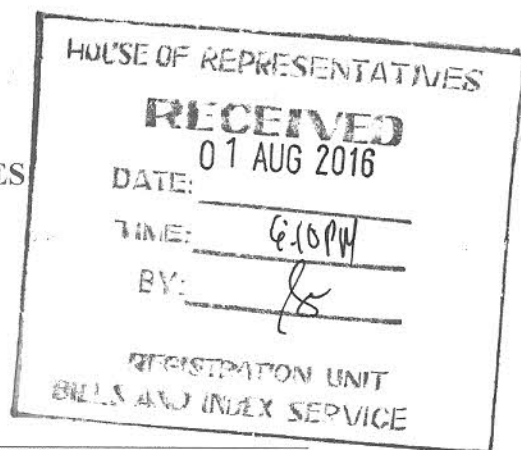


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 Tugbungan National High School in Barangay Tugbungan, Zamboanga City, to be known as Tugbungan National High School. Barangay Tugbungan is one of the large barangays in the Second District of Zamboanga City with a high number of elementary graduates produced annually. To pursue their secondary education, these students need to travel to the nearest existing high schools, Zamboanga City High School - Main (ZCHS - Main) and Talon-Talon National High School (TNHS) located several kilometers from Barangay Tugbungan. Furthermore, ZCHS-Main and MCLLNHS are already overpopulated and congested.

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

SECTION 1. The Tugbungan National High School, in Barangay Tugbungan, Zamboanga City is hereby established as a national high school.

SECTION 2. The Tugbungan 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 Tugbungan 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.