

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Eighteenth Congress  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 947**



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**Introduced by Representative Lucy Torres-Gomez**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

According to the 1987 Philippine Constitution "The State shall give *priority* to education, xxx foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development" (Sec. 17, Art. II). It further provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education *accessible* to all (Sec. 1, Art. XIV). And it also mandates that "The State shall: (1) Establish, maintain, and support a complete, *adequate*, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society (Sec. 2 [1], Art. XIV, all italics supplied).

The Ormoc City Division is composed of 83 elementary schools and 16 secondary schools. The 83 elementary schools serve a total of 31,286 pupils whereas the 16 secondary schools serve a total of 15,727 students. Given these two (2) ratios of schools and students, clearly there is now an acute lack secondary schools. As a result of this great disproportion, the Ormoc City National High School – the central secondary institution – is suffering from heavy congestion. The situation is no longer conducive to optimal learning. It is failing the adequacy test mentioned in the fundamental charter. The overpopulation is now depriving students of their right to access quality education.

It is for this reason that this measure calls for the establishment of a separate/new national high school in Barangay San Isidro, Ormoc City. The proposed new high school is not within the 1-2 kilometer radius from the nearest secondary school, hence, would be viable. Its feeder schools would include the San Isidro Elementary School (with 543 enrollees, including 80 Grade Six level pupils), the Bagong Buhay Elementary School (with 442 enrollees, including 78 graduating pupils), and the Dona

Feliza Mejia Elementary School (with 300 enrollees, including 40 candidate pupils for graduation).

This is a refiled measure from the Seventeenth Congress.

The early approval of this bill therefore is earnestly requested.

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**LUCY TORRES GOMEZ**  
Representative  
Fourth District of Leyte

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY**  
**SAN ISIDRO, CITY OF ORMOC IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE**  
**TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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 San Isidro, City of Ormoc in the Province of Leyte to be known as San Isidro National High School.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the San Isidro National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

Approved,

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