

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 911



Introduced by Hon. Julianne “Jam Jam” Baronda

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE NABITASAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY NABITASAN, DISTRICT OF LA PAZ, ILOILO CITY INTO AN
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NABITASAN INTEGRATED
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution Section 1, Article XIV 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."*

This bill seeks to convert the Nabitasan Elementary School in the District of La Paz in Iloilo City in order to promote access to basic education and pursue the constitutional mandate that the State should “establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

With the conversion of the elementary school into an integrated school, the children of the District of La Paz and its neighboring barangays are ensured access not only to primary education but also to quality secondary education within their community.

Iloilo City’s population is projected to reach 500,000 by the year 2019. The District of La Paz already has an estimated population of fifty-two thousand five hundred seventeen (52,517). With the rising population of its school-age children and very limited schools in the area, access to secondary education is a constant challenge with the shortage of classrooms and teaching personnel, not to mention, inadequate equipment and other valuable resources.

This increase in population and lack resources to support the operation of a separate elementary and secondary school, the conversion into an integrated school of Nabitasan Elementary School is our best recourse to address the above-mentioned problems and minimize the further congestion of other secondary schools within Iloilo City. It will also address the difficulty in acquiring a school site for a secondary school.

The conversion to an integrated school will guaranty continuity of schooling and smooth transition of the children towards secondary education. It would also mean less expenses for transportation and meal allowances for affected families. Parents will also be able to closely monitor their children's school performance.

During the 17th Congress, Iloilo Representative Jerry Treñas filed this same bill (House Bill No. 7989) in July 31, 2018, in response to the growing request of parents, residents, school and local officials in the District of La Paz.

The need and public clamor remain thus, this representation is refiling the bill to ensure the right to education of the children and young people of the District of La Paz. They deserve an integrated school that is nurtured safely within their community and responsive to their needs.

I strongly believe that this measure will provide our young people the education they need in order to develop their full potential and to become productive members of our society.

In lieu of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines duly assembled:*

2 **Section 1.** Conversion into an Integrated School. – The Nabitasan Elementary School in
3 Barangay Nabitasan, District of La Paz, Iloilo City is hereby converted into an integrated
4 school to be known as Nabitasan Integrated School.

5 **SEC. 2.** Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. – All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of
6 the Nabitasan Elementary School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Nabitasan
7 Integrated School.

8 **SEC. 3.** Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
9 Department’s program the operationalization of the Nabitasan Elementary School, the funding
10 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

11 **SEC. 4.** Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations
12 as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

13 **SEC. 5.** Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
14 Official Gazette.

15 Approved,