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House Bill No. 3679



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL JOSE M. DALIPE

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 Putik National High School in Barangay Putik, Zamboanga City, to be known as Putik National High School. Barangay Putik 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 Maria Clara L. Lobregat National High School (MCLLNHS) located several kilometers from Barangay Putik. 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 existing 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 PUTIK NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL, IN BARANGAY PUTIK, ZAMBOANGA CITY

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

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

SECTION 2. The Putik 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 Putik 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.