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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**


It is the duty of the State to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the high school level, to protect and promote the right of citizens to quality education and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. This bill seeks to carry out this duty through the establishment of a National High School in Barangay Sumpotan, Municipality of Dinas, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

A mountainous barangay of a third-class municipality, Barangay Sumpotan and nearby barangays have only Elementary Schools and graduates of these schools converge to Sumpotan High School for their secondary education. Lack of resources for this school may lead to learning inadequacy for the children. This hinders the resident's right to accessible education and deprives the barangay the opportunity to develop its community and improve the quality of the residents' lives in various aspects – economic, social, cultural, political and spiritual.

Economically, education provides citizens the necessary knowledge skills and values that will support the country's economic growth and will make the country progressive and prosperous. Most importantly, education helps break the vicious cycle of poverty from one generation to the next.

The establishment of a National High School makes high school education more accessible to the barangay and would result to more educated Filipinos who would then have better opportunities to improve their living standards. This bill does not only give utmost importance to education but also helps in creating economic opportunities and strengthening our national economy.

I therefore seek the immediate passage of this bill.

  
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SUMPOTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DINAS, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS SUMPOTAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

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

**Section 1.** Establishment of National High School. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), a National High School in Barangay Sumpotan, Municipality of Dinas, Province of Zamboanga del Sur to be known as **Sumpotan National High School**.

**Section 2.** Appropriations. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriation of the DepEd under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the sum needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 3.** Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

**Section 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved: