

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4035



Introduced by Representative **TYRONE D AGABAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a national high school in Barangay San Vicente, Umingan, Province of Pangasinan to be known as the San Vicente National High School.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution 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." In the same vein, the Constitution mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of education in elementary and high school levels (Section 2 (2), Article XIV, 1987 Constitution).

In the 6th District of Pangasinan, we have a cluster of 13 barangays dubbed as "Marlboro Country" located at the southwest mountainous portion of the Municipality of Umingan, the district's biggest municipality in terms of population and land area. The place is dubbed as Marlboro Country because of its hilly but beautifully carved terrains. While they are clustered as Marlboro Country barangays, they are nonetheless geographically set apart by distances the farthest of which borders the Province of Nueva Ecija. Currently, there is only one national high school, Prado National High School, catering to all the high school students coming from Marlboro Country located at Barangay Prado, Umingan. A lot of students find their way to schools which are considerably far from their residences. The situation now is most unfavorable to most of the high school students because of the enormous expenses incurred by them arising from transportation cost and other related expenses attendant to travel. Aggravating to this is the fact that

most of the students coming from Marlboro Country belong to the poor and marginalized sector of the municipality, some of whom travel by foot only to gain formal education, a right guaranteed by our constitution.

Barangay San Vicente is central to most of the barangays in Marlboro Country. With the establishment of San Vicente National High School, the educational restraints caused by the lack thereof will now be absolutely reduced thus ultimately redounding to the benefit of the people of Umingan especially those belonging to Marlboro Country.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN
VICENTE, MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN
TO BE KNOWN AS SAN VICENTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of
2 the Department of Education, a national high school school in
3 Barangay San Vicente, Municipality of Umingan, Province of
4 Pangasinan.

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

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

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

14 Approved,