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House Bill No. **5525**



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**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.

Education is the most basic social service that the government can provide its citizenry. It is an essential requisite for economic growth and the key to nourishing secure, healthy and productive individuals. This measure, which seeks to establish a National High School in Barangay Pasilmanta in Zamboanga City, to be known as Pasilmanta National High School, is a vital step toward this direction.

In view of the foregoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY  
PASILMANTA IN ZAMBOANGA CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS PASILMANTA  
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 Pasilmanta, City of Zamboanga, to be known as Pasilmanta National High School.

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

**SECTION 3.** Within one hundred twenty days (120) from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

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

*Approved,*