

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **408**



Introduced by Rep. BABY ALINE VARGAS-ALFONSO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Among us Filipinos, education is considered as an investment that would certainly set us free from ignorance and poverty. We believe that good education is a key to success that eventually make our children better citizens and future leaders of the nation. We also believe that obtaining at least basic knowledge will properly guide our youth in their decision-making. Hence, every Filipino family dreams of seeing their children graduate, if not from college, at least from secondary school.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution states 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 constitutional provision is in consonance with the State's policy of giving priority to education "to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development". (Sec. 17, Article II of the Constitution).

This bill is a move in that direction as it aims to establish a national high school at Barangay San Juan, Municipality of Rizal, Province of Cagayan to be known as the Florencio L. Vargas National High School. The proposed national high school will serve three barangays of Rizal situated at the Zinundungan Valley, namely: Bural, Masi and San Juan. The municipality of Rizal is a fifth class municipality of Cagayan that is located 104-kilometers northwest of Tuguegarao City.

The establishment of a national high school in the area will be a dream come true for the people of the Zinundungan Valley. It will promote the development of a mass-oriented quality high school education which the locals properly deserve. It will spare the growing student population in the community and their parents of studying to schools far away from their places of abode.

It has been filed for appropriate action by the concerned Committee during the 15th and 16th Congresses. However, its consequent approval was stalled by the sine die adjournments of both Congresses.

The passage of this bill is, therefore, earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE FLORENCIO L. VARGAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of a National High School.* There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay San Juan, Municipality of Rizal, Province of Cagayan, to be known as the Florencio L. Vargas National High School.

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

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

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,