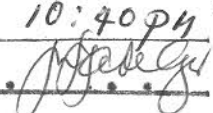


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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution in Article XIV, Section 2, Paragraph (2) mandates that "The state shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in elementary and high school levels."

The Municipality of Magsaysay in Davao del Sur is home to one of the largest resident population in the whole province. It is noted that from the graduates of elementary each year from this area, only a small percentage are able to mang. to go to high school due to poverty. Without any existing high schools, students are forced to enroll somewhere else just to obtain secondary education, if ever at all.

The nearest public high school therefrom is the Matanao National High school. However, apart from high costs of education, the travelling distance from the barangay to the city is roughly six kilometers making transportation expenses, board and lodging and other related expenses additional expenditures to the cost of sending chil dren to high school which could hardly be afforded by parents who are mostly plain laborers.

Further, the said public high school is already cramped up with students coming from different municipalities of Davao del Sur thus undeniable that the school can no longer accommodate anymore enrollees.

It is now more time.y than ever that Bacungan should have its own high school through the enactment of this bill into law.

It is for this reason that approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, DAVAO DEL SUR AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Be it enacted in the Senate and in the House of Representatives in Congress assembled .

SECTION 1. There shall be created the Bacungan National High School at the Municipality of Magsaysay, Davao Del Sur;

SECTION 2. Bacungan National High School in the Municipality of Magsaysay, Davao del Sur shall be established under the direct supervision of the Department of Education.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved.*