



Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5910

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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Education of the young is one of our nation's policies for which the Constitution specifically and unequivocally provides. Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being." In Article XIV, Section 1, the 1987 Constitution likewise provides that "the State shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

Today, basic education is considered to be the most needed social service that our government could provide to our citizenry. This is because it has been identified as one of the essential requisites for the economic growth of our country.

Education is the key to producing secure, healthy, and productive individuals. The bill, with its immediate enactment into law, should, therefore, be a step in the right direction.

Thus, this House Bill is filed in response to the petition filed by the residents of Barangay Maragatas through the position papers of the various sectors of the community within the Municipality of Lupon, Province of Davao Oriental.

This Bill recognizes the predicament of the parents and sympathizes with the sentiments of the people of Barangay Maragatas in their desire to have a National High School in their Barangay by the creation of the Maragatas National High School to be situated at the Barangay proper in the Municipality of Lupon, Province of Davao Oriental.

Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING  
A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARAGATAS, MUNICIPALITY OF  
LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS MARAGATAS  
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*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 the  
2 Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Maragatas, Municipality  
3 of Lupon, Province of Davao Oriental to be known as Maragatas National High School.

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

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9           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and  
10 regulations implementing the provisions of this Act within one hundred (120) days  
11 after its effectivity.

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

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16           *Approved.*