



Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City  
**SEVENTEENTH (17<sup>th</sup>) CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 398**

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Introduced by REP. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y. BELMONTE

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

First filed in the Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) Congress by this representation, this bill seeks to fulfill the mandate of Article XIV Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which states that it is the role of the State to "protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels," and to "establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels" (Article XIV Sec. 1 and 2 Para 2).

It is in the spirit of these constitutional provisions that Republic Act 10533, or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 that implements the K-12 program was established. The K to 12 Program covers Kindergarten and 12 years of basic education - six years of primary education, four years of Junior High School, and two years of Senior High School (SHS). It aims to provide sufficient time for mastery of concepts and skills, develop lifelong learners, and prepare graduates for tertiary education, middle-level skills development, employment, and entrepreneurship.

At present, there are only five (5) public high schools and twelve (12) public elementary schools in District 6, Quezon City. The scheduled implementation of the Senior High School in SY 2016-2017 is a challenge that needs to be addressed considering the existing public secondary schools in the District are already overcrowded.

This bill aims to prepare the District for the full implementation of the K to 12 Program in 2016 by establishing a stand-alone senior high school in Barangay Tandang Sora, District 6, Quezon City that will absorb the junior high school graduates of several high schools surrounding the area.

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

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TANDANG SORA, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS TANDANG SORA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a senior high school in Barangay Tandang Sora, Quezon City, Metro Manila to be known as Tandang Sora Senior High School.

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

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

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

*Approved.*