

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3607

Introduced by Honorable Arlene B. Arcillas

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Philippine Science High School Campus in Region IV, the Southern Tagalog Region.

Consistent with the fundamental law, the State is mandated to 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.

The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) is known for its academic excellence especially in the field of science and mathematics. However, since there is no existing PSHS campus in the Southern Tagalog Region, the students and the people of Southern Tagalog are deprived of the quality education and other benefits provided and offered by PSHS.

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9036 which was enacted in 2001, the State mandated the establishment of a PSHS campus in each administrative region of the country. However, as of this time, a Philippine Science High School campus for the Southern Tagalog Region has not yet been established.

The establishment of a Philippine Science High School Campus in Southern Tagalog Region will promote and enhance the development of the region and will serve the needs of the residents in their quest for specialized and quality high school education. This will allow the people of Region IV to pursue and avail of the trainings, scholarships, and education provided by

PSHS without the need to travel to the PSHS main campus or other PSHS regional campuses. This will give them the opportunity to harness their talents and excel in the fields of science and mathematics and contribute to the development of the country.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is urgently recommended.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL
CAMPUS IN THE SOUTHERN TAGALOG REGION AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Philippine Science High School Campus in the Southern Tagalog Region.* – Pursuant to Republic Act No. 8496, there shall be established a regional campus of Philippine Science High School in Region IV which shall be known as “Philippine Science High School, Southern Tagalog Campus,” under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

SEC. 2. *Campus Director.* – The Philippine Science High School, Southern Tagalog Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall be appointed by the Philippine Science High School System Board of

Trustees. He shall have all the rights, powers and duties vested in a campus director of Philippine Science High School in accordance with laws.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Science and Technology shall immediately include in the program of the DOST the operationalization of the Philippine Science High School, Southern Tagalog Campus, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Philippine Science High School campuses. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation-* The Board of Trustees of Philippine Science High School System, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, shall issue such rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,