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HOUSE BILL NO. 531



INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE FRED H. CASTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to establish a Science and Technology Education Center (STEC) for all levels of learning, including pre-school in the municipality of Dumalag, Province of Capiz.

Verily, we believe that the youth of today are the country's hopes in the future. The felt-needs of becoming a Newly Industrialized Country (NIC) deserves a well-meaning response and action from the educational sector. Thus, there is a need to cultivate responsible, well-mannered children with excellent educational opportunities, and advanced functional or desirable knowledge and skills as well as good qualifications to prepare and equip themselves well for the third millenium so that they may be able to meet, address and fill-in the modern technological demands and concerns of the 21st century. Generally, they need continuous advancement and progress in science and technology which they may now acquire and develop in this present era through the said science and technology center. Also, the said center will give to the out-of-school youth, particularly those who, out of poverty, cannot pursue their studies in any private schools and other educational institutions, the chance of acquiring a trade or skill to free themselves from the chains of poverty, earn a living and be self-reliant. Deny them of this opportunity and the country will retrogress. Equip them and the country will progress.

Moreover, school officials, industry and business managers and experts, the local, regional and national government officials, as well as the teachers and parents of our youth are united in their stand that the establishment of this center will be of great help for the youth's educational advancement.

Hence, the urgent need to approve this bill is hereby earnestly sought and highly recommended.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION CENTER (STEC) FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND
POST-SECONDARY LEVELS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALAG,
PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby established and operated the Science and Technology
Education Center (STEC) for Public Elementary, Secondary and College levels in the
Municipality of Dumalag, Province of Capiz, as a proper venue to ensure quality
education necessary for the development and enhancement of science and technological
knowledge and skills of the youths.

SECTION 2. To fully implement this Act, adequate funding for its establishment
and operation shall be appropriated from the allocation of the Department of Education as
embodied in the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, necessary funding for
its operation, maintenance, development, and repair shall be provided in the annual
General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its final approval.

Approved,