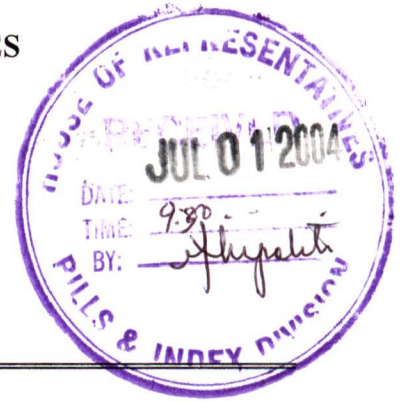


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HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 655



Introduced by **HON. EDUARDO C. ZIALCITA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Almost fifty percent (50%) of the entire Filipino population lives in poverty. The presence of poverty means the absence not only of opportunities but also depravity of basic necessities that must be available to every citizen such as education. Due to high cost of living, education has become a privilege than right. There are children of poor families who have superior intellectual capability. But the lack of access to education has made these talents left untapped.

A surefire way of fighting poverty is through education. Making it right than a privilege to every citizens. In this so called-era of knowledge economy, an educated human resource assures the development of the country. With cutthroat breakthroughs in sciences, information technology and other advancements in technology, it is important that our human resources have adequate quality education, particularly in the areas of science.

The local government of Parañaque City, through the local school board, recognized the importance of the science and mathematics curriculum. Thus, it established in 1989 a special science curriculum, which is at par with other science high schools across the country for high school students of superior intellect. This program has been recognized by the Department of Education Culture and Sports. It is under the jurisdiction of the Parañaque National High School (PNHS) that it utilizes PNHS's facilities and amenities. Despite the lack of financial assistance, this special program continued to exist through the support of the local school board.

Thus, it is the objective of this House Bill to institutionalize this special science curriculum program by transforming it into a school worthy to be called a Science High School. This Parañaque City Science High School shall be separated from the Parañaque City National High School.

The establishment of the Parañaque Science High School would be a significant factor toward poverty alleviation through access of quality education with the end view of producing better workforce for the country.

With the above-mentioned reasons, the passage of this bill is urgently sought.

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Introduced by: **Hon. EDUARDO C. ZIALCITA, Ph.D.**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PARAÑAQUE CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. NAME. There is hereby established in Parañaque City, Metro Manila, a secondary school to be known as the Parañaque City Science High School, under the direct administrative supervision of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of the said high school shall be to offer on a scholarship basis a secondary course with special emphasis on science and math subjects in order to prepare the students for a science or science and technology related career.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATION OF A SCHOOL DIRECTOR. The high school shall be headed by a Director whose appointment shall be in accordance with prescribed Civil Service law, rules and regulations. His compensation shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees. His functions, powers and duties, in addition to those specifically provided for this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of a public high school.

SECTION 4. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD. The Parañaque City Science High School Board of Trustees shall be composed of:

- (a). The Regional Director, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, National Capital Region as Chairman;
- (b). The Director of the Parañaque Science High School as Vice-Chairman;
- (c). Undersecretary, Department of Science and Technology, Regional Operations, as Member; and
- (d). Deputy Director-General, National Economic Development Authority, Regional Development Office, as Member

SECTION 5. POWERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The Board of Trustees shall exercise for the Parañaque City Science High School all the powers and prerogatives of the board of directors of a corporation. It shall also have the following powers and duties:

- (a). To fix the site of the Parañaque City Science High School within Parañaque City;
- (b). To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law sums as may be provided by law for the support of the high school;
- (c). To approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Director in connection with the employment of faculty members, lecturers, and other employees of the high school, subject to the provisions of Section 12 of this Act: to determine academic ranks; to fix compensation and other conditions of employment; and to remove them for cause in accordance with due process;
- (d). To approve the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive Council as hereinafter provided;
- (e). To provide fellowships for faculty members and approve the grant of scholarships, stipends and such allowances to deserving students;
- (f). To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
- (g). To provide its own rules of procedures and to prescribe for the administration of high school such general rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purpose of the high school as defined in Section 2 of this Act;

(h). To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same in accordance with the directors and instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine for the benefit of the high school or for aid to any of its students; and

(i). To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among others, competitive examinations.

SECTION 6. QUORUM. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the Board for each meeting subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. COMPENSATION. The Board of Trustees may fix per diems, allowances and honoraria for members of the Board for each meeting subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. REPORT. On or before the beginning of each school year, the Board of Trustees shall file with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports a detailed report setting forth the progress, condition, and needs of the high school.

SECTION 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the Director, the heads of departments, and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the high school as may be determined by the Director.

The Council shall have the power to screen and select the students to be admitted to the high school, to select students who shall be recipients of scholarships, stipends and other allowances; and to develop the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline, all subject to the approval of the Board. The Council shall have the exclusive power to recommend students eligible for graduation. Through the Director, it shall have disciplinary power over the students.

The Council shall implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board of Trustees and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

SECTION 10. APPOINTMET OF A REGISTRAR. There shall be a registrar of the Parañaque City Science High School, who shall act as Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the Director with the approval of the Board of Trustees. He shall keep records as may be prescribed by the Board.

SECTION 11. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER. There shall be a treasurer of the Parañaque City Science High School who shall be appointed by the Director with the approval of the Board of Trustees. All accounts and expenses shall be subject to the usual government auditing.

SECTION 12. SELECTION OF FACULTY. The faculty members of the high school and others holding academic positions shall be selected in accordance with such criteria as may be established by the Board of Trustees consistent with law which shall include, if necessary and practicable, screening and competitive examination.

Said faculty members shall be exempt from the provisions of laws, rules and regulations on wage and position classification. The members of the school's administrative staff may be paid at rates higher than those of equivalent positions covered by laws on wage and position classification.

SECTION 13. All legacies, gifts and donations for the benefit of the high school or for its support and maintenance or for aid to any of its students shall be tax-exempt and shall be an allowable deduction from the gross income of the donors. For purposes of income tax, the high school shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes, fees, assessments and other charges of the Government, its branches and subdivisions.

SECTION 14. All incomes and donations to the high school created under this Act shall constitute a special fund to be known as the Parañaque City Science High

School Fund. This fund shall be expended by the Board of Trustees exclusively for the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 15. The head of bureaus or officers of the National Government and regional offices in the NCR are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request by the Director of the high school, such apparatus, supplies and other properties as may be needed by the high school, and to detail employees to duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office, they can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as are required under such detail, and the time employed shall be counted as part of their regular official hours, all laws, rules and regulations limiting the detail of government employees notwithstanding.

Any officer or employee of the Government whose service are required by the high school may receive an honorarium in addition to his salary at the rate to be fixed by the Board subject to applicable laws and regulations on the matter.

SECTION 16. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 17. The Secretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall issue such rules and regulations with as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act within sixty (60) days after effectivity of this Act

SECTION 18. This Act shall take effect upon approval

APPROVED