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HOUSE BILL NO. 758



Introduced by: HON. HERMINIA M. RAMIRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the State to give priority to education science and technology and to make education accessible to all. Pursuant to this objective, Congress passed Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the Free Secondary Education Act and Republic Act No. 8496 as amended by Republic Act No. 9036, otherwise known as the Philippine Science High School System Act of 1997. Under the later law, the State is mandated to give priority to research and development, invention, innovation and their utilization and to science and technology education, training and services. Pursuant to these explicit legal mandates, several science high schools had been established in the different parts of the Philippine archipelago but not in the Province of Misamis Occidental, which is located in Mindanao, the majority of the population of which had been deprived of education due to abject poverty.

This bill seeks to establish a Philippine Science High School-Misamis Occidental Campus in the City of Ozamiz, Province of Misamis Occidental. The establishment of a science high school in this part of Minadanao will be a concrete response to the persistent clamor of the people to open a Philippine Science High School in the area to give equal opportunity to the people living in the metropolis.

It is important to note that the Philippine Science High School greatly provides poor but deserving students quality secondary education. The kind of training that the students will get from this school will certainly help the country produce citizens with unquestionable competence and skills that withstand the present demand considering the globalization.

The establishment of Philippine Science High School-Misamis Occidental Campus will greatly provide a quantum leap towards the unrelenting efforts of local and national officials in the Province to alleviate the standard of living of the people and realize every parents dream for attaining the best education for their children.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL-MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL CAMPUS IN OZAMIZ CITY, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. ***Establishment.*** - There is hereby established a Philippine Science High School- Misamis Occidental Campus, hereinafter referred to as the PSHS- Misamis Occidental Campus, in the City of Ozamiz, Province of Misamis Occidental, which shall be under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology.

SEC. 2. ***Admission and Training***. - The PSHS- Misamis Occidental Campus shall offer scholarships to deserving students, who shall be admitted and trained under the curriculum specially designed to prepare them for career in Science and Technology.

SEC. 3. ***The Campus Executive Director.*** - The PSHS- Misamis Occidental Campus shall be headed by a Campus Executive Director whose appointment, term of office and roles and functions shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8496 as amended, otherwise known as the "Philippine Science High School System (PSHS) Act of 1997".

SEC. 4. ***The Board of Trustees.*** - The Board of Trustees of the PSHS shall govern the PSHS- Misamis Occidental Campus. It shall exercise its functions pursuant to Republic Act No. 8496 as amended.

SEC. 5. ***The PSHS-Misamis Occidental Campus Local School Board.*** – There shall be a PSHS-Misamis Occidental Campus Local School Board composed of the Regional Director, Department of Science and Technology, as Chairperson, the Regional Director, DepEd., as Vice-Chairperson, the PSHS-Misamis Occidentla Campus Director as Member-Secretary; the University of the Philippines Chancellor or President of a public institute of higher learning in the region, the Regional Director of NEDA, the President, PSHS-Misamis Occidental Campus PTA, as ex-officio members, and two (2) representatives from the private sector, to be appointed by the Chairman of the PSHS System Board of Trustees, as members.

Until such time that there shall have been organized a PSHS-Misamis Occidental Campus Alumni Association, the president of the said association shall also be an ex-officio member of the Local School Board.

SEC. 6. The functions of the PSHS-Misamis Occidental Campus Local School Board shall be as follows:

(a) To act as citizen's committee to interpret the educational needs of the service area of the campus; and
(b) To exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the PSHS System Board of Trustees may prescribe or delegate.

A quorum of the PSHS-Misamis Occidental Campus Local School Board shall consist of a majority of the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Local School Board is called. All processes against the PSHS-Misamis Occidental Campus Local School Board shall be served on the Director or secretary thereof.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to implement the provision of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,