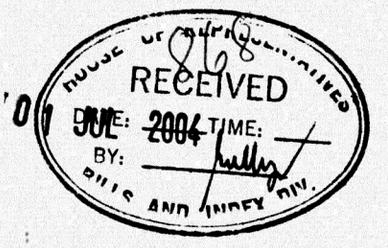
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HOUSE BILL NO. 868

Introduced by Representative Faysah RPM Dumarpa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks the establishment of the Philippine Science High School-Marawi City Campus, in the Province of Lanao del Sur. The establishment of such school meets the criteria of the Development Plan of the Philippine Science High School System in which Lanao del Sur is one of the proposed sites in the establishment of Philippine Science High School campuses.

Pursuant to the provision of Republic Act 9036 which stipulated that: *The State shall also ensure that every region is given equal opportunity to benefit from the establishment of the Philippine Science High School System. Towards this end, only one PSHS campus shall be establish in each of the administrative regions of the country.*

In today's modern world, the achievement and realization of a country's development lies ahead with its productive and fully equipped society. More so, producing highly trained professionals will surely catapult a country's progress. Hence, the establishment of a Philippine Science High School-Marawi City Campus, in the Province of Lanao del Sur will serve as an excellent venue and training ground to prepare our highly qualified and science-inclined gifted students not only from Lanao del Sur but also to those coming from nearby provinces particularly within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARRM).

To give substance to the policy of the State of providing quality education, early approval of this bill is highly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL-MARAWI CITY CAMPUS, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a science high school in the City of Marawi, Province of Lanao del Sur, herein referred to as the Philippine Science High School-Marawi City Campus (PSHSMCC), which shall be under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology.

SEC. 2. The purpose of the said high school shall be to offer, on a scholarship basis, a free secondary course with special emphasis on the sciences and mathematics to prepare the students for science and technology careers.

SEC. 3. The head of the science high school shall be known as the Director of the Philippines Science High School-Marawi City Campus (PSHSMC). He or she shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Science High School System subject to the approval of the Board. The salary of the Director shall be based on the Revised Compensation and Position Clarification System and shall be comparable to that of being received by the Director of similar educational institutions of like enrollment and standing. He shall not be removed from office except for cause. His functions, powers and duties, in addition to those specifically provided for in this act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of a public school.

SEC. 4. The PSHS Board of Trustees shall have, with respect to the PSHSMCC, the following powers and duties:

a) To fix the site of the Philippines Science High School Mareawi City Campus, in the City of Marawi, Province of Lanao del Sur;
b) To receive and appropriate such sums under terms specified and provided by law for the support of the science high school;
c) To approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Director, in connection with the employment of professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employers of the PSHSMCC, to fix their compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance with existing laws or compensation and position classification; and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been conducted;

d) To approve the curricula, courses 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, stipend and such other allowances to deserving students;
f) To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
g) To promulgate its own rules of procedures including those governing the administration of the high school such as 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 directions 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 of any of its students; and
i) To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among other criteria and requirements competitive examinations among graduates of elementary schools in the ARMM and other neighboring municipalities, cities and provinces.

SEC. 5. There shall be PSHSMCC Board, hereinafter referred to as the PSHSMCC Board, composed of the PSHSMCC Director as Chairman; the Regional Director, Department of Education; the President of the Parents-Teachers Association of the PSHS Regional School; the President of the Alumni Association; and two (2) representatives from the private sector to be appointed by the Chairman of the PSHS Board of Trustees, as members.

Until such time that there shall have been organized a Philippine Science High School-Marawi City Campus Alumni Association, the President of the Alumni Association of the PSHS shall also be an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 6. The function of the PSHSMCC Board shall be:

a) To prescribe for the administration of the PSHSMCC rules and regulations as are consistent with this Act and the policies laid down by the PSHS Board of Trustees;
b) To act as citizen's committee to interpret the educational needs of the region to the Board of Trustees; and
c) To exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board of Trustees may prescribe or delegate.

SEC. 7. A quorum of the PSHSMCC Board shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against PSHSMCC Board shall be served on the Director or Secretary thereof.

SEC. 8. On or before the Fifteenth (15^{th}) day of July each year, the Board of Trustees shall submit to the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, and to both Houses of Congress an annual report setting forth the progress, condition and the needs of the high school.

SEC. 9. There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the Director of the heads of departments, and other such 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; to develop the curricula, courses of study, and rules of discipline, all subjects to the approval of the PSHSMCC 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 other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

SEC. 10. There shall be a registrar of the Philippine Science High School-Marawi City Campus, who shall also act as secretary of the PSHSMCC Board of Trustees. He shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the PSHSMCC Board.

SEC. 11. There shall be a treasurer of the Philippine Science High School-Marawi City Campus, who shall be appointed by the Director with the approval of the PSHS Board of Trustees. All accounts and expenses shall be audited by the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representative.

SEC. 12. 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 from the payment of all kinds of taxes, fees, assessments, and other charges of the national government, its branches, subdivisions and agencies.

SEC. 13. The heads of bureaus or offices of the national government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the Director of the high school, such apparatus, supplies and other properties as may be needed by the high school, and to detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgement 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 office hours, all laws, rules and regulations limiting the detail of government employees notwithstanding.

Any officer or employee of the government engaged as lecturer in the high school may receive honoraria at rates in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

SEC. 14. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 15. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.