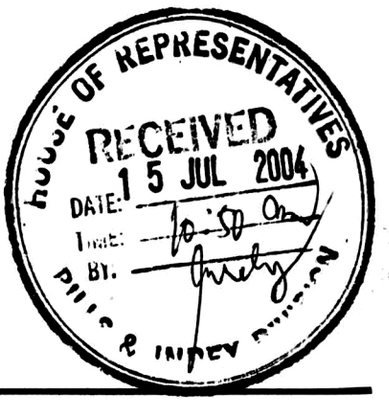
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HOUSE BILL No. 1447



Introduced by
HON. MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill is refiled seeking to establish a Philippine Science High School in the Cordillera Administrative Region, PSHS-CAR.

Under Section X, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution, Science and Technology are viewed as vital components in national development and progress. The Constitution mandates the educational system to prioritize the development of Science and Technology in line with pursuit for global competitiveness.

The second paragraph of section R.A. 8496, otherwise known as the Philippine Science High School system Act of 1997 reads as follows:

> "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 (1) PSHS campus shall be established in each of the administrative regions of the country."

The Cordillera Administrative Region is in dire need of a Philippine Science High School to be made part of the PSHS System.

The CAR is known to be very rich in natural resources like industrial and commercial metals, water for energy and irrigation, forests and forest products, paturelands for the dairy and meat industries, lapidary for cement and ceramics production, temperate climate for vegetable and fruits production, potentials for tourism, uranium for nuclear energy, and not to forget the energetic and industrious human resources.

But these rich resources are in danger of being rendered inutil when massive unemployment, poverty, insurgency, and ignorance prevail fro lack of sufficient and proper academic, scientific, and technological education that can offset problems. The region needs people capable, trained and oriented to scientific and technological mastery to lead the region and the nation as a whole in the quest for global competitiveness.

The Philippine Science High School–CAR will greatly help to eventually provide that desired scientifically and technologically trained manpower. The PSHS-CAR will accept only the brightest among the region's elementary school graduates for the selection of PSHS scholars. The campus will be the home of government scholars whose education will give special emphasis on science and technology on a mastery level. It will provide the region's and the country's need for leaders who will spearhead the scientific and technological advancement by taking under its wings the region's gifted children and molding them into future scientists and engineers.

Approval of this bill is earnestly enjoined.

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AND PROVIDING 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. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the Philippine Science High School CAR Act of 2004

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The state shall give priority to research and development implementation, technology innovation and utilization, and to Science and Technology Education training services. It shall support indigenous appropriate and scientific and technological capabilities and their application to the country's productive system and national life. To achieve these, the state shall establish a Philippine Science High School CAR that will assume the leadership role in the region's secondary level science and technological education.

SECTION 3. *Objectives.* In the foregoing policy, the state shall pursue the following objectives:

a) Promote and develop Science and Technology manpower for the best interest of CAR and of the country;

b) Continuously encourage young Filipinos to pursue careers in the path of Science and Technology Education;

c) To play a key role in the advancement of excellence in the promotions of scientific and technological knowledge, geared towards developing an innovative, knowledge-based economy.

d) Rationalize the establishment of Philippine Science High School CAR as defined in this act.

SECTION 4. *Scope.* – The Philippine Science High School CAR shall serve as one of the Campuses of the Philippine Science High School established under R.A. No. 8496 otherwise known as the Philippine Science High School Act. It shall offer scholarship to deserving students in the Cordillera Administrative Region who shall be admitted and trained under a curriculum specially designed to prepare them for careers in science and technology.

SECTION 5. *Administrative Supervision.* – The Philippine Science High School CAR shall be under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and shall operate autonomous to the Philippine Science High School Main Campus at Diliman, Quezon City.

SECTION 6. *Board of Trustees.*

A. There shall be a Board of Trustees composed of the Secretary of the DOST as ex-officio chairman, the Secretary of DepEd as ex-officio Vice-Chairman, and has the following as members:

a) Executive Director of the Philippine Science High School – ex-officio

b) The Mayor of Baguio City – ex-officio

c) Congressman of Baguio City – ex-officio

d) Regional Director of CHED – ex-officio

e) Director of SEI – ex-officio

f) Regional Director of DOST-CAR – ex-officio

g) Prominent PSHS Alumnus in CAR – ex-officio

h) Chancellor, UP Baguio City – ex-officio

i) One representative each representing the following, in the private sector who shall have a fixed term of two (2) years.

1) Education for gifted

2) Industry

3) Agriculture

4) Micro-electric

5) Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Private sector representative shall be appointed by the chairman subject to the confirmation of the Board of Trustees and shall have a fixed term of three (3) years.

B. The board shall exercise the following powers:

a) Formulate policies and guidelines for administration and operation of the PSHS-CAR;

b) Formulate policies on the appointment, promotion, retention, removal, renewal, rewards and incentives for administration, faculty and staff;

c) Approve the curricula and criteria for the selection and admission of students submitted by the campus director, upon written recommendation of the PSHS Executive Director;

d) Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for students;

e) Approve the graduation of successful candidates from PSHS-CAR Campus;

f) Formulate policies and rules of discipline for students, faculty and staff;

g) Approve the PSHS-CAR budget and appropriate the end income from project and sums that may be provided by law for the support of the school;

h) Receive grants whether cash, land, equipment, buildings, and infrastructure improvement, thereof, contributions, donations, bequest, gifts, and to formulate policies for the administration thereof;

i) Develop policies for the expansion of enrollment in the PSHS-CAR Campus;

j) Set policies and criteria to rationalize the establishment of PSHS-CAR;

k) Prepare and approve strategic plans to enhance the capability of the PSHS-CAR in developing human resources with focus on youth with special talents in science and mathematics.

SECTION 7. *Campus Director (CD).* – The PSHS-CAR shall be headed by a Campus Director, who shall be appointed by the Board upon recommendation of the Search Committee. He/She shall have a fixed term at the option of the board. The Campus Director cannot be removed from the office except for cause.

The Campus Director shall be the administrator of the school and will be responsible for its smooth operations. The Campus Director may constitute a consultative body, which may act as a citizens' arm to interpret the educational needs of the service area.

SECTION 8. *Campus Director Duties and Responsibilities.* – The Campus Director shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

a) Coordinate curriculum planning activities of the school;

b) Oversee campus research projects in science and math and coordinate publication of viable and mature outputs;

c) Coordinate exchange programs with other educational institutions both local and foreign;

d) Network with other campuses of the PSHS system;

e) Provide for the secretariat services of the Board of Trustees;

f) Perform other functions as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 9. *Office of the Campus Director.* – The office of the Campus Director shall be provided with staff for the effective and efficient implementation of its functions.

SECTION 10. *Management Committee (MC).* – There shall be a Management Committee composed of the Campus Director and Division Chiefs (DC) of the school as members. The committee shall be collegial in character.

SECTION 11. *Funding.* The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this act shall be sourced out from the Department of Science and Technology appropriations and

other sources as may be deemed necessary. Thereafter the campus budget shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

The amount of one hundred fifty million (P150, 000,000.00) shall be needed for the establishment of infrastructure facilities and an annual twenty five million (P25, 000,000.00) budget for the yearly operations of the Philippine Science High School CAR.

SECTION 12. - The Department of Science and Technology shall formulate the impending rules and regulations (IRR) to carry out the implementation of this act.

Approved.