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Introduced by Honorable Alfonso V. Umali, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish the Oriental Mindoro Science and Sports High School in the Province of Oriental Mindoro.

The Constitution mandated not only that quality education must be provided by the State to all qualified citizens – the poor and the underprivileged in particular – at all levels of education, but that it must likewise put in place a system of education geared towards establishing and making available a continuing pool of trained manpower for the country's development efforts.

The proposed measure is in line with the constitutional mandate. Establishing the Oriental Mindoro Science and Sports High School will not only give meaning and substance to the policy of the national government towards enhancing the quality education but also recognize the vital role of the youth in nation building. The proposed sites of the school will be at Pinamalayan and Naujan, Oriental Mindoro wherein the local government mentioned shall provide the necessary lots for the purpose.

In this context, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE ORIENTAL MINDORO SCIENCE AND SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title.- This Act shall be known as the "Oriental Mindoro Science and Sports High School (OMSSHS) Act of 2001"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy- The State shall give priority to Research and Development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to Scince and Technology education, training and services. It shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country's productive systems and national life. To achieve these, the State hereby establishes the OMSSHS that will assume a leadership role in secondary science and sports education.

SEC. 3. Objectives.- In implanting the foregoing policy, the State shall pursue the following objectives:

(a) The OMSSHS shall primarily provide for high school education primarily for students from within Oriental Mindoro;

(b) Ensure uniformity in quality standards and systematize operations of schools under the OMSSHS;

(c) rationalize the establishment of science and sports high schools as defined in this Act and develop the skills in the area of science and sports among studentry.

TITLE I

DEFINITION OF TERMS, STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

SEC. 4 Definition of Terms.-

(a) Oriental Mindoro Science and Sprots High School (OMSSHS)- is a secondary school offering scholarships to deserving students who shall be admitted and trained under a curriculum specially designed to prepare them for carers in S & T.

(b) Term- refers to the "term of office", with a duration of six (6) years in one term.

SEC. 5. Scope.- The Oriental Mindoro Science and Sports High School shall be established in Pinamalayan and Naujan, Oriental Mindoro and in such other future areas which shall be established under this law.

SEC. 6. Overall Coordinating Authority.- The OMSSHS shall be under the administrative supervision of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS).

SEC. 7. Board of Trustees.- There shall be a board of Trustees composed of the ex-officio Chairman which shall be the Regional Director of DECS, ex-officio Vice Chairman which shall be the Regional Director of Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the following members: The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Chairman of Education, the SP Chairman on Science and Technology, the Chairman of the Provincial Physical Fitness and Sports Council, the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Provincial Federation President, the Campus Director and one (1) Representative from the private sector representing higher education, education for the gifted, industry,

agriculture, new and emerging technologies and/or sports organizations. The private sector representative shall be appointed by the Chairman subject to the confirmation of the Board of Trustees. The term of office of the Board of Trustee representing the private sector shall be for the period of six (6) years unless sooner revoked or terminated for just cause.

The Board shall exercise the following powers:

(a) Formulate policies and guidelines for the administration and operation of the OMSSHS;

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

(c) Approve the curricula submitted by the Campus Director;

(d) Approve criteria for the selection and admission of students;

(e) Approve the grant of scholarship stipend and such allowances for students;

(f) Approve the graduation of successful candidates of the OMSSHS campus(es);

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

(h) Approve the OMSSHS budget and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the school;

(i) Receive grants whether cash, land, buildings and improvements thereof, donations, contributions, bequest, gifts, and to formulate policies for the administration thereof;

(j) Develop policies for the expansion of enrollment in the campuses under the OMSSHS;

(k) Set policies and criteria to rationalize the establishment of science and sports high schools under the school, for its evaluation and approval thereof; and

(l) Prepare strategic plans to enhance the capability of the school in developing human resources with focus on youth with special talents in science and sports.

SEC. 8. Campus Director (CD) – There shall be Campus Director who shall be appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Board and shall be conferred the rank equivalent to a director with a fixed term of six (6) years, renewable for another term. The CD shall coordinate the implementation of policies and guidelines set by the Board of trustees. As a member of the Board of Trustees, the CD shall articulate to the Board the mutual concern of the campus.

The CD shall perform the following roles and functions:

(a) Coordinate curriculum planning activities for the OMSSHS;

(b) Oversee research projects on the gifted in science and sports;

(c) Coordinate publication of research outputs of the teachers, administrators and students from the OMSSHS;

(d) Provide legal and technical support to the members of the OMSSHS;

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

(f) Develop and coordinate linkages and networking among the campus of the OMSSHS with other educational institution;

(g) Coordinate the implementation of the program for the identification and selection of scholars for the OMSSHS;

(h) Provide for the secretariat services of the Board of Trustees;

(i) Perform other functions as may be deemed necessary.

For the efficient and effective implementation of the foregoing functions, the Director shall be provided with a staff.

TITLE II

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 9. Funding – The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DECS. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for the continued operation of the oriental Mindoro Science and Sports High School shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

The amount of Twenty Million Pesos (P20,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to be included for the initial year of operation of school.

SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations – The DECS shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the implementations of this Act.

SEC. 11. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, order, rules and regulations or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect on the day following its complete publication in the Official Gazette and two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved.