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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Philippines



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HOUSE BILL NO. 2435

Introduced by Hon. Eduardo V. Roquero, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 2, Section 17, of the 1987 Constitution provides, that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports, with specific goals; one of which is to promote total human liberation and development. The goal is not only to promote the common good, but the individual welfare as well. The individual should be helped that he may harmoniously develop his physical, moral and intellectual faculties and thereby liberating himself from the shackles of poverty, ignorance, illiteracy, fear, disability and other social and economic circumstances that hinders the full development of human personality.

Article 14, Section 1, of the 1987 Constitution provides, that all citizens have a right to quality education (with emphasis to quality education) at all levels, and the state is duty-bound to protect and promote it.

Article 14, Section 2, Paragraph 2, of the 1987 Constitution provides a system of free Public Education in the Elementary and High School levels, whereas, the state is also duty-bound to uphold such responsibility which is an expression of an objective or priority.

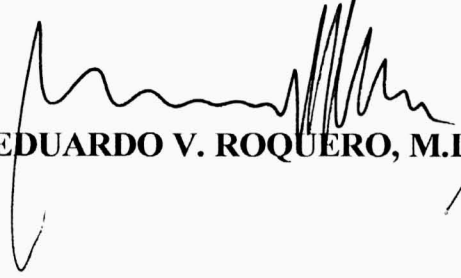
Article 14, section 10, of the 1987 Constitution provides, that science and technology are essential for National Development and Progress. Moreover, the Constitution directs the State to give priority to science and technological education, training and services.

Pursuant to the aforementioned provisions of the 1987 Constitution, this representation hereafter seeks to establish a Philippine Science High School Bulacan Campus at the City of San Jose del Monte, Province of Bulacan. To give emphasis further to the importance of human resource development, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is given a mandate to establish the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System.

The PSHS System provides scholarship grants to those promising and bright Filipino students, giving them academic training which concentrates its curriculum on the field of science and mathematics, attention is also given to the social sciences, humanities, values and physical development of its students; with such training, this educational institute would produce citizens with competence and skills that can measure up to global competition.

The establishment of the PSHS-Bulacan Campus in the City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, would be a significant factor towards the eradication of poverty and ignorance and the realization of every parent's dream for a quality education for their children in the Region. Furthermore, the quality of education that this institution advocates could be a contributing factor on this country's national development.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill, establishing the Philippine Science High School Bulacan Campus, and appropriating funds therefor is accentually urged.



EDUARDO V. ROQUERO, M.D.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY
OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN
AS PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL BULACAN CAMPUS,
APPROPRIATING 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. *Creation.* There is hereby established a science high school in the City of San Jose del Monte, Province of Bulacan, hereinafter referred to as Philippine Science High School Bulacan Campus (PSHSBC), which shall be under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology.

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the said high school, to offer on a scholarship basis, a quality secondary course with special emphasis on the science and mathematics to prepare its students for science and technology careers.

Sec. 3. *Campus Director; appointment and tenure; powers and functions.* The PSHS-Bulacan Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall be appointed by the Philippine Science High School System (PSHSS) Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the System Executive Director on the basis of a search process. He shall have a fixed term of six (6) years, renewable for another term at the option of the PSHS-System Board of Trustees. The Campus Director shall not be removed from his office except for a *just cause*. The Campus Director shall be the administrative and academic head of the said campus and shall be responsible for its operation.

The Campus Director shall be a member of the PSHS-System Executive Committee (EC) headed by the System Executive Director.

Sec. 4. *Governance.* The Board of Trustees of the PSHS-System shall have governance over the PSHS-Bulacan Campus. The Board shall exercise its functions pursuant to R.A. 8496.

Sec. 5. *Local School Board.* There shall be a PSHS-Bulacan Campus Local School Board (LSB) composed of the following:

1. Regional Director of DOST as Chairperson;
2. Regional Director of DECS as Vice-Chairperson;
3. Campus Director of PSHSBC as Member-Secretary;
4. The U.P. Chancellor or the President of an appropriate institute of higher learning;
5. Regional Director of NEDA;
6. PTA President of the PSHS-Bulacan Campus as *ex-officio member*; and
7. Two representatives from the private sector as appointed by the Chairman of the PSHS-System Board of Trustees, as members.

Until such time that there shall have been organized a PSHS-Bulacan Campus Alumni Association, the President of the said Association shall also be an *ex-officio member* of the LSB.

Sec. 6. *Functions of the Board.* The functions of the PSHS-Bulacan Campus Local School Board shall be:

- (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-Bulacan Campus Local School Board shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the LSB is called. All processes against the PSHS-Bulacan Campus Local School Board shall be served on the Director or Secretary thereof.

Sec. 7. *Appropriations.* The amount of **Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00)** for the capital outlay and the operation of the PSHS-Bulacan Campus shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the enactment of this Act.

Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,