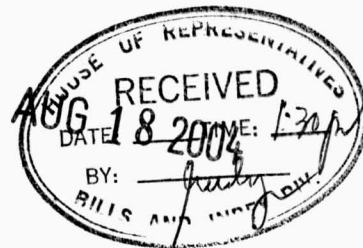


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 2476



Introduced by Honorable Rodolfo C. Bacani

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of a Science and Mathematics Education Development Fund to be managed and administered by the University of the Philippines National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (UP NISMED) which shall be used for research, curriculum development and teacher training in science and mathematics education.

Presently, the Institute is dependent only on funding agencies for financial support. The MOOE it receives from the University of the Philippines is inadequate even for maintenance of its facilities. Through this measure, the UP NISMED will have a constant funding allocation from the government which it used to receive until the 1980s under Republic Act 5506.

The Fund will enable the UP NISMED to undertake research to further improve the methods of teaching and learning science and mathematics, develop appropriate instruction materials, and professionalize teachers, educators, supervisors and school administrators. In addition, it shall also be used to provide a special scholarship program for teachers of science and mathematics nationwide.

We purposefully believe that the proposed measure will enable the Institute to contribute significantly to the advancement of science and mathematics education in the country and make us at par with the rest of the world in these fields.

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


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**AN ACT CREATING THE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Science and Mathematics Education Development Fund Act."

SECTION 2. *Objective.* The objective of this Act is to create a fund to:

- a) promote strengthened programs in science and mathematics education at the basic and teacher education levels to attain international competitiveness
- b) focus teacher development on meeting the demand of quality science education to cope with a scientifically and technologically oriented society
- c) hasten the development of higher order thinking skills among the citizens and empower students and teachers for global competitiveness
- d) promote science consciousness and develop a science culture for the country.

SECTION 3. *The Science and Mathematics Education Development Fund.*
A Science and Mathematics Education Development Fund, hereinafter referred to as the Fund, is hereby established to be managed and administered by the University of the Philippines National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (UP NISMED), which shall be utilized exclusively for research and to develop and implement teacher training and training-related activities. Using this Fund, UP NISMED shall provide a special scholarship program for teachers in science and mathematics all over the country.

The Contribution to the Fund shall be the following:

- a) An initial appropriation from the national government in the amount of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) and to be included in the annual budget of the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.
- b) An annual contribution of 1% from
 1. tax on luxury vehicles
 2. Value-added tax on the sale of computer software and hardware
 3. business permit fee of information technology companies
 4. license fee of science and technology professionals

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,