

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 337

Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This reenacts House Bill No. 4022 which has been approved by the 14th Congress on 28 May 2008 and transmitted to and received by the Senate on 04 June 2008.

This bill aims to provide the youth of Camarines Sur equal access to a free and quality education (with emphasis on science and technology) through the establishment in secondary education of science and technology to be located in the capital town of Pili, province of Camarines Sur and to be known as the Camarines Sur Science and Technology High School.

This bill is recommended for approval, consistent with the constitutional mandate that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. Likewise, the State's recognition of the vital role of the youth in nation-building as well as the promotion and protection of their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being have greatly influenced this proposal to establish this high school because the Province of Camarines Sur has no science and technology high school at the present time.

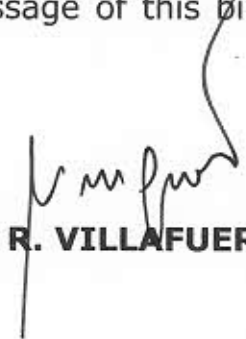
Education is the great equalizer. Providing those who have less in life with quality education specifically in science and technology, opens up an opportunity to be on equal footing with those who are financially and materially blessed. Public school education opens doors for our less fortunate citizens by providing later on better employment opportunities despite having come from humble backgrounds.

At present, there is no science and technology high school in the capital town of Camarines Sur, giving our high school students less opportunities to be at par and competitive with their counterparts within Camarines Sur and other part of the Bicol region. This predicament likewise deprives the youth of Camarines Sur from further exposure to developments in information technology, an essential adjunct to science and technology courses.

Given the above rationale, it is clear that the capital town of Pili will greatly benefit from the establishment of the Camarines Sur Science and Technology High School.

Finally, Article XIV, Section I of the Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens of quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

For all the foregoing reasons, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT TO ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS CAMARINES SUR NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Establishment of a National Science and***
2 ***Technology High School.*** – There is hereby established, under the
3 supervision of the Department of Education, a national science and
4 technology high school in the Municipality of Pili, Province of Camarines
5 Sur to be known as Camarines Sur National Science and Technology High
6 School.

7 **SEC. 2. *Appropriations.*** – The Secretary of Education shall
8 immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of
9 Camarines Sur National Science and Technology High School, the funding
10 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

11 **SEC. 3. *Implementation.*** – The Secretary of Education shall issue
12 such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose
13 of this Act.

14 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
15 after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,