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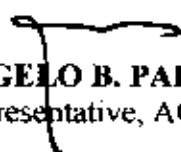
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Studies have shown that over the long term economic growth is determined by population and technological changes. Empirical evidence also shows that technology has positive impacts on the economy and technological changes can be enhanced and maintained over time through deliberate and systematic investments in research & development (R&D) and putting in place appropriate policies and programs.

Science education is one way of fostering and advancing the culture of science among the population. Such culture encompasses the appreciation of the importance of science and technology. It is sad to note that science education in the country can not prosper because of lack of even science education facilities such as laboratories with adequate instructional equipment in the public elementary and high schools and even in colleges. The State must build institutions that promote science and technology. One such institution is a science library.

The Science Library that is envisioned to be established is more than the common library where scientific books and magazines and other publications on science would be found. The envisioned Library would contain scientific tools and equipment including glass wares needed in science laboratory exercises in the elementary, high schools as well as in college levels. Schools that do not have these facilities for the conduct of science classes would be able to borrow or rent out these pieces of scientific equipment for classroom instruction.

The passage of this Act would promote science education in the provinces where schools often lack these kind of laboratory facilities.


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AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH SCIENCE LIBRARIES IN EVERY PROVINCE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Title* - The act shall be known as the "Provincial Science Libraries Act of 2011"

SECTION 2. *Statement of policy* – The Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology. To ensure that this policy is pursued successfully, the State shall provide facilities to give opportunities to pupils and students to get adequate education in the sciences.

SECTION 3. *Provincial Science Libraries* - It is hereby mandated that all provinces in the country establish Science Libraries. In addition to scientific publications, such science text books and journals, the Science Libraries will contain scientific instruments and equipment needed in the conduct of laboratory exercises and activities. Public and private schools can borrow these laboratory tools and equipment for the students to conduct laboratory exercise as well as scientific experiments.

SECTION 4. *Funding for the establishment of Provincial Science Libraries* – This Act authorizes the use of the Priority Development Assistance Funds (PDAF) of member of Congress to fund fully or in part the Provincial Science Libraries. This Act also authorizes Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs) to accept donations for the establishment of Science Libraries. The Internal Revenue Allotment PLGUs may also be used for the same purpose. The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) are authorized to provide grants-in-aids to PLGUs for the establishment of Provincial Science Libraries.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulation* - The DILG in consultation with the DOST and DepEd shall be responsible for the formulation of the implementing rules and regulations of

this Act within 180 days from its approval.

SECTION 6 - *Separability clause* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remainder, or any provision of this Act not affected thereby shall remain in force and in effect.

SECTION 7 - *Repealing clause* - All laws, executive orders, proclamations, and other presidential issuances which are inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8 - *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in at least 2 newspapers of national circulation.

Approved: