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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party List Representatives Gary C. Alejano**
and Francisco Ashley L. Acedillo

Explanatory Note

In spite of the Philippines' high adult literacy rate and regard for education, the quality of the country's education system is in decline. Many Filipino children from poor families are still forced to drop out from schools. Instead of completing high school and pursuing higher education, these children are often employed in manual and very basic tasks to help support their family.

Ultimately, the situation causes these children to grow up with just elementary education. As a result, the country is suffering from an inability to produce a competent and skilled workforce - to be employed both at home and abroad - required for badly needed socioeconomic development.

The bill seeks to address this situation with the creation of Science high schools in each province and highly urbanized city. It is hoped that these additional schools will be able to continue the good work of this country's existing national Science high schools in producing competitive graduates especially in the field of research and Mathematics. These new schools will be subsidized by both the national government through the Department of Education and the concerned Local Government Units, giving children from poorer backgrounds the chance to a better education and a better life.

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

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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL PROVINCES AND HIGHLY-URBANIZED CITIES TO ESTABLISH
A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known and cited as the *"Science High School Establishment*
2 *Act"*.

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.-** It is the declared policy of the State to uplift the quality
5 of education and to equip the youth with knowledge to make them competitive and productive
6 citizens.

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8 **SEC. 3. Statement of Goals and Objectives.-** It is the goal and objective of the bill to:
9 a) promote and strengthen the quality of education;
10 b) produce globally competitive individuals;

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12 **SEC. 4. Establishment of Science High Schools.-** All provinces and highly urbanized
13 cities are hereby mandated to establish Science high schools within their jurisdiction. Provincial
14 and city officials together with the Department of Education shall work for the establishment of
15 the school.

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17 **SEC. 5. Funding Source.-** In order to finance the establishment and the continuous
18 operation of the Science high school, the provincial and city government and district

1 representatives shall allocate a substantial amount enough to ensure the sustainability of the
2 program.

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4 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provisions or part thereof is invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
6 remain valid and subsisting.

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8 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
9 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule of regulation contrary to or
10 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
11 accordingly.

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13 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,