



Seventeenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. **4062**

Introduced by Honorable Makmod D. Mending, Jr.,
Representative, AMIN Partylist

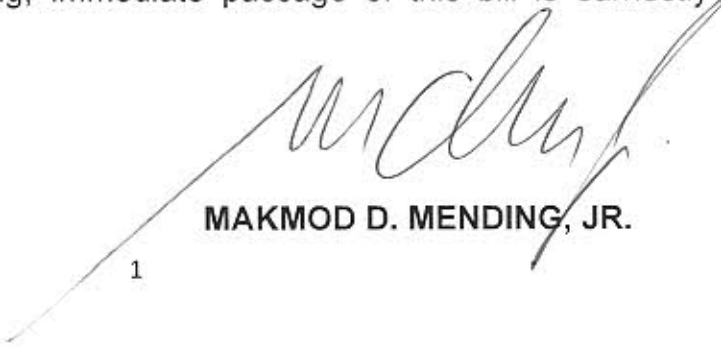
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to amend Republic Act (RA) No. 8496, as amended, otherwise known as the "*Philippine Science High School System (PSHS) Act of 1997*," by redefining the scope of the PSHS.

This proposed measure aims to include in the PSHS System all regions in the country including the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and not only the administrative regions. This is consistent with the intent and provision of the law that the State shall ensure that every region is given equal opportunity to benefit from the establishment of the PSHS System.

With the establishment of PSHS Zamboanga Region Campus, it was said to have completed the 16 PSHS campuses around the country, pursuant to the PSHS System's mandate to establish one campus in every region of the country. However, no PSHS campus has been established in the ARMM. Thus, depriving the students in the region with an excellent secondary learning institution focused mainly with science and mathematics that will give them the fundamental foundation when they pursue college for their chosen field of specialization and prepare their students to embark on science and technology careers.

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


MAKMOD D. MENDING, JR.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4062

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AN ACT
REDEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL
(PSHS) SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
8496, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM ACT OF 1997”

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8496, as amended, is
hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – xxx

The State shall also ensure that every region is given equal
opportunity to benefit from the establishment of the PSHS
System. Towards this end, only one (1) PSHS campus shall be
established in each of the [administrative] regions of the
country, INCLUDING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO (ARMM).”

SEC. 2. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Scope.* – xxx

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In the establishment of future campuses, the Board of Trustees shall consider San Ildefonso, Ilocos Sur **[and]**; Aborlan, Palawan; AND LAMITAN, BASILAN as the sites of PSHS Ilocos Region **[and]**, Palawan AND ARMM campuses."

SEC. 3. Section 8 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *Board of Trustees.* – xxx.

The Board shall exercise the following powers:

(a) Formulate policies and guidelines for the administration and operation of the PSHS System;

(b) Establish a PSHS campus in each of the **[administrative]** regions, INCLUDING THE ARMM;

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SEC 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,