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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The founding of the Philippine Science High School System in 1964 sought to address the country's increasing need for individuals trained in the undertaking of innovations in science and technology. The Philippine Science High School, likewise generously provided for the development of gifted individuals in such field, bringing under its tutelage the most competent minds from across the country in hopes of changing this country for the better.

What is often understated and ignominiously ignored, however is the need for honest, competent, and responsible leaders; and the establishment of an educational institution that shall address this insufficiency through the rigorous training of gifted students interested in assuming leadership positions in our government.

Hence, this proposed measure shall establish the National Leadership High School that shall be fully equipped to undertake the training and education of competent individuals in public policy and administration; military training and discipline; and the principles of effective leadership and good governance. Under this Act, all students with the motivation and required talents to undertake leadership positions in key government institutions shall be given the full attention, training, and education that our students from the field of science and technology, through the Philippine Science High School, currently enjoys.

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


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curriculum specially designed to prepare them for careers in public administration and governance.

b) **Term** refers to term of office.

SEC. 5. Admissions. – Admission to the National Leadership High School shall be determined through competitive entrance examinations. A passing rate of eighty-five percent (85%) shall be strictly observed.

SEC. 6. Student Population. – The student population shall not exceed 1000 students, of which, 70% of the slots shall be comprised of scholars and the remaining 30% shall be opened for qualified applicants willing to pay for tuition and miscellaneous fees.

SEC. 7. Student Quota Distribution. – To the maximum extent practicable, the high school shall observe the following quota distribution for the student population in the admission of passing examinees:

a) forty percent (40%) shall be prioritized for passing examinees from the upper socioeconomic classes, with an average annual family income of 600,000 pesos and above; and

b) the remaining sixty percent (60%) of the student population shall then be equally distributed to passing examinees from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao with twenty percent (20%) each.

SEC. 8. Student Dormitories. – Students shall stay on separate dormitories for men and women during weekdays and shall only be authorized to leave on weekends and holidays.

A headmaster shall be appointed by the board of trustees to maintain order, ensure discipline, and enforce the dormitory rules and regulations to be formulated by the board.

SEC. 9. Benefits for Graduates of the NLHS. – Graduates of the National Leadership High School shall also receive the following benefits after graduation:

1) an exemption from taking the Philippine Military Academy Entrance Examination. Graduates shall only have to pass the required medical and physical examinations to qualify for the Philippine Military Academy;

2) an exemption from taking the Philippine National Police Academy Entrance Examination. Graduates shall only have to pass the required medical and physical examinations to qualify for the Philippine National Police Academy;

3) a scholarship grant in the University of the Philippines system; and

4) an automatic qualification for a Civil Service 1st Level Eligibility (Sub-Professional) Certificate.

SEC. 10. *Return Service Clause.* – NLHS graduates, upon completion of their college education, are required to serve under any government office equivalent to one year for each year of schooling. Failure to comply shall result to the full reimbursement of the expenses incurred by the high school for each academic year a student has been enrolled.

SEC. 11. *Overall Coordinating Authority.* – The NLHS shall be under the administrative supervision of the Department of National Defense.

SEC. 12. *National Leadership High School Director.* – The NLHS shall be headed by a Director. He shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees as hereinafter provided, which Board shall also fix his compensation and the term of his office. His functions, powers and duties, in addition to those specifically pertaining for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of any high school in the Philippine educational system.

SEC. 13. *Board of Trustees.* – There shall be a Board of Trustees composed of the Secretary of Defense as ex-officio Chairman, the Secretary of Education as ex-officio Vice Chairman, and the following members: The Secretary of Interior and Local Government, the President of the U.P., the Executive Director of NLHS, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the President from the NLHS National Alumni Association as ex-officio members; and two (2) representatives from the private sector. The private sector representatives shall be appointed by the Chairman subject to the confirmation of the Board of Trustees. The appointed representatives from the private sector shall serve for a term of six (6) years.

SEC. 14. *Powers of the Board of Trustees.* – The Board shall have all the powers and prerogatives of a board of directors of a private corporation. It shall also have the following powers, among others:

- a) formulate policies and guidelines for the administration and operation of the NLHS;
- b) formulate the house rules and regulations for the boarding houses;
- c) approve appointment, promotion, retention, renewal, rewards and incentives for faculty and staff, fix their compensation and other conditions of employment, and remove them for cause after proper investigation and hearing;
- d) approve the curricula submitted by the Executive Director;
- e) approve the criteria for the selection and admission of students;
- f) approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for students;
- g) approve the graduation of successful candidates from the various NLHS campuses;
- h) formulate policies and rules of discipline for students, faculty and staff;

i) approve the NLHS budget, receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the school;

j) receive grants whether cash, land, buildings and improvements thereof; donations, contributions, bequests, gifts, and to formulate policies for the administration thereof;

k) approve the use of all income generated by the school in the pursuit of its functions and donations received in trust by individual campuses, according to the purpose of the donor and intention of the donation. In cases where income/donation received is not intended for a particular campus, the Board shall likewise appropriate the same for the benefit of the System or any part thereof;

l) develop policies for the expansion of enrollment in the campuses under the NLHS System;

m) establish policies and formulate guidelines/criteria, requirements necessary to rationalize the establishment and operation of science high schools under the System in order to maintain the quality and uniform standard inherent of a bona fide NLHS; and

n) prepare strategic plans to enhance the capability of the school in developing human resources with focus on youth with proven acuity in public administration and governance

SEC. 15. Quorum of the Board. - A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all the members holding office at the time a meeting is called.

SEC. 16. Yearly Progress Report. - On or before the first of June of each year the Board shall submit to the President of the Philippines a detailed report on the progress, condition and needs of the High School.

SEC. 17. Tax-Exemption on Gifts, Donations and Others. - All legacies, gifts and donations for the benefit of the High School or for its support and maintenance or for aid to any of its students shall be tax-exempt and shall be an allowable deduction from the gross-income of the donors. For the purpose of the income tax, the high school shall be exempt from payment of all taxes, fees, assessments and other charges of the Government, its branches and subdivisions. It shall likewise be exempt from taxes and duties on any equipment, books, articles, goods or services it may import from abroad, including withholding taxes on honoraria or fees paid by the high school to visiting lecturers or professors from abroad.

SEC. 18. Leadership High School Fund. - All incomes and donations to the High School created under this Act shall be formed into a fund, to be known as the Leadership High School fund. This fund shall be expended as authorized by the Board exclusively for the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 19. Appropriations. - To carry out the purpose of this Act, including the operation of the High School, the acquisition, improvement, and conditioning of the land on which the High

157 School shall be located, the construction, maintenance, and repair of buildings and improvements,
158 and the acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment, the initial fund of one billion pesos is hereby
159 appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

160 Thereafter, the expenses of the High School, for the purposes above-described, shall be
161 provided in the yearly General Appropriation Acts of the National Government, provided, however,
162 that any unexpected balance for any shall also form part of the aforementioned Leadership High
163 School Fund.

164 **SEC. 20. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Board of Trustees shall formulate the
165 implementing rules and regulations to carry out the implementation of this Act.

166 **SEC. 21. *Separability Clause.*** – Any provision of this Act declared as unconstitutional or
167 invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force
168 and effect.

169 **SEC. 22. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or portions
170 thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

171 **SEC. 23. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,