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HOUSE BILL NO. 7921



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ISAGANI S. AMATONG
3rd District, Zamboanga del Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education liberates one from ignorance, and society from the bondage of poverty. Precisely, it is a policy, if not a mandate, of the State to establish, maintain and pro-actively promote an adequate, effective system of education relevant and responsive to the needs of the time and of its own constituents.

While efforts of the national government to improve its educational system have been endless, a little re-direction may be in order. Educational institutions, both public and private, prefer to locate in urban centers, to the detriment of the youth in the less developed areas of the country, resulting to socio-economic inequity. It is imperative to make, as a matter of policy, quality education equitably accessible to the many who aspire to be of greater service to their fellowmen and to society as a whole.

The establishment of the Siocon Science High School in Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, with emphasis on the sciences, is intended to make readily available by reason of proximity, educational programs and facilities of the state, in places where they are strategically needed by its youth, in particular, and the community in general.

Siocon is one of the progressive towns of Zamboanga del Norte, particularly in the South of the Zamboanga peninsula. It has a big hectarage of irrigated ricelands, its own seaport and airport; inhabited by migrants from Luzon and Visayas, indigenous peoples and the

Muslim. Siocon is virtual melting pot of the South. It has an annexed campus of Jose Rizal Memorial State University. What it needs, among others, is a strong science high school that affords a wider option for its youths' life – career, based on their aptitudes and inclinations.

In view thereof the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO
BE KNOWN AS SIOCON SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “**Siocon Science High School Act**”.

SECTION 2. - Establishment of a Science High School. – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a science high school in the municipality of Siocon, province of Zamboanga del Norte to be known as the Siocon Science High School.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Siocon Science High School, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 5. Effectivity.– This Act shall take effect within (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,