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House Bill No. **2417**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTIAN TELL A. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

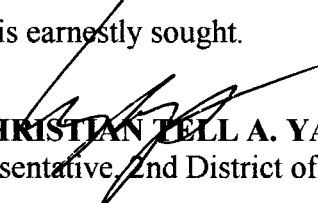
Article XIV, Section 1 and 10 of the Constitution provide that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and that the State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization, science and technology education, training and services as essential for national development and progress.

Based on the enrollment data of school year 2021-2022 for the Province of Tarlac, with gross enrollees of 256,163 learners, 8.3% of elementary students are in the Special Science Elementary Schools, 5.2% of junior high school students are in the Special Science Classes (SSC) or Science, Technology and Engineering (STE Program), and 10.5% of senior high school students are in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) strand. In total, 17,799 learners or about 7% of the gross enrollment are enrolled in the sciences curriculum.

Furthermore, in the past three consecutive school years, enrollees in special science schools in junior and senior high schools have constantly increased by as much as 51%, showing that Tarlacños learners are getting more interested and inclined in the fields of science, engineering and technology.

This bill seeks to establish the Tarlac Provincial Science High School as the institution to spearhead academic excellence and better prepare students in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering, research, and technology.

For the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING TARLAC PROVINCIAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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2 **SECTION 1. *Establishment of Tarlac Provincial Science High School.*** There is hereby
3 established, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), a Provincial Science
4 High School in the city of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac to be known as the Tarlac Provincial Science
5 High School which shall be an Academic Center for excellence that shall hone and develop the
6 Tarlaqueño Learners who are interested and inclined to Science, Technology, Engineering,
7 Research and Technology, to their full potentials and capabilities so they could become future
8 leaders and professional assets of the country.

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10 In this regard, the perceived Tarlac Provincial Science High School must comply to the
11 following requirements and standards:

- 12 1. The Tarlac Provincial Science High School must be located along the National
13 Road/Highway to make it accessible to Tarlac Province, Tarlac City, and its composite
14 Municipalities.
- 15 2. The Tarlac Provincial Science High School must have an area of at least one (1) hectare to
16 start off, with vacant lots near it to anticipate its expansion in the future.
- 17 3. The Tarlac Provincial Science High School must have Instructional Buildings that shall be
18 determined by the DepEd Schools Division of Tarlac Province, in consultation with the
19 DepEd Regional Office, DepEd Central Office, the Provincial Government of Tarlac, and
20 the Provincial, Congressional and Municipal Executives and stakeholders.
- 21 4. The Tarlac Provincial Science High School must have qualified and highly trained

5. The Tarlac Provincial Science High School must have the modern state-of-the-art science and mathematics laboratories, facilities, equipment, machines, instruments, apparatus and gadgets.
6. The Tarlac Provincial Science High School must have a system of Screening of Qualified Pupils/Students (Learners) must be in consultation with DepEd Region III and Division Office strictly following policies, rules and regulations of a Special Science School of DepEd.

SEC. 2. Objectives of Tarlac Provincial Science High School. The Tarlac Provincial Science High School shall have the following objectives:

1. Pave the way for the best quality education in Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Research, and Technology in the whole Province of Tarlac which will benefit the entire school division office for pioneering the first of its kind of giving back to Tarlaqueños for their intellectual gifts of being skillful and highly trainable in academic and technological endeavor.
2. Create great learning opportunities for the select top-caliber pupils and students of the Province of Tarlac to excel in Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Research, and Technology that can be comparable to the best academe in Asia and perhaps of the digital and highly technical world.
3. Open academic avenue and science specializations to top-notched students who are inclined and interested to pursue tertiary courses or collegiate degrees in the fields of science, both biological or physical and in research both applied and philosophical in nature. This will benefit not only Province of Tarlac but the entire nation as well for breeding young future scientists and professionals who would be assets of the society.
4. Create partnership, collaboration, teamwork, and even project ownership among the SDO-Tarlac Province, the Provincial, Congressional and Municipal executives and officials, private and public sectors, parents, learners, stakeholders of education and professional communities including the NGOs.
5. Pave the way for advanced learning resources and materials in Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Research, and Technology which will benefit the sixty nine (69) Special Science Elementary Schools, thirty (30) Special Science Classes or Science, Technology and Engineering (STE) Junior High Schools, and twenty four (24) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) – Senior High Schools in the whole Province of Tarlac as their students can use these learning resources and materials for their references or subject.

- 1 7. Provide various scholarship grants and opportunities to deserving learners of the Province
2 of Tarlac coming from seventeen (17) municipalities of the Province of Tarlac and Tarlac
3 City.
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5 **SEC. 3. Appropriations.** - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
6 Department of Education's program the amount necessary for the operationalization of the Tarlac
7 Provincial Science High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
8 Appropriations Act.
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10 **SEC. 4. Implementation.** - The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations as
11 may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.
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13 **SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
14 in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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