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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3224**



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Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**  
First District, Bohol

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a Philippine Science High School Campus in the Province of Bohol, specifically in the capital city, Tagbilaran.


Tagbilaran City was the first to have a science high school in the Province of Bohol in June 1995. Operating for more than 25 years now, the province has seen the benefits of having a competitive science high school. It levels the playing field for deserving students especially to those who cannot afford good education. It strengthens the background on Science and Mathematics of the youth which is needed for and the country with technological innovations.

While there is already a Central Visayas Region located in Cebu City, Republic Act No. 8496, as amended by Republic Act No. 9036, does not prevent the establishment of another campus with the region.

In fact, the local chief executive of Tagbilaran City has already committed to donate and has in actually identified a land for a Philippine Science High School campus in the city.

Having a Philippine Science High School Bohol Campus will further improve the level of competency of our students and will provide more opportunities for science and mathematics education not only for Bohol but for other deserving students within the Central Visayas region and in the country in general.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL BOHOL**  
**CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1. *Philippine Science High School Bohol.*** – There is hereby established a science high school in the province of Bohol, to be known as the Philippine Science High School Bohol Campus, hereinafter referred to as PSHS-Bohol Campus, which shall be under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The purpose of the said high school shall be to offer, on a scholarship basis, a free secondary course with special emphasis on the sciences and mathematics to prepare its students for science and technology careers.

**SEC. 2. *Campus Director.*** – The PSHS-Bohol Campus shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Science High School System, subject to the approval by the Board. The salary of the Director shall be subject to the Revised Salary Standardization Law and shall be comparable to that being received by the Director of similar educational institution of like enrollment and standing. The Director shall not be removed from office except for cause. The functions, powers, and duties of the Director, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of a public high school.

**SEC. 3. *PSHS Board of Trustees.*** – The PSHS Board of Trustees shall have, with respect to the PSHS-Bohol Campus, the following powers and duties:

- (a) To fix the site of the PSHS-Bohol Campus in Tagbilaran City, Province of Bohol;
- (b) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the high school;
- (c) To approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Director, in connection with the employment of the professors,

instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the PSHS-Bohol Campus; to fix their compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance with existing laws on compensation and position classification; and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;

- (d) To approve the curricula, courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive Council as hereinafter provided;
- (e) To provide fellowships for faculty members and approve the grant of scholarships, stipends, and such other allowances to deserving students;
- (f) To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
- (g) To provide its own rules of procedures and to prescribe for the administration of the high school such general rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purpose of the high school as defined in section 2 of this Act;
- (h) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor and in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, determine for the benefit of the high school or for aid to any of its students; and
- (i) To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among other criteria, competitive examinations among graduates of elementary schools.

**SEC. 4. PSHS-Bohol Campus Board.** – There shall be a PSHS-Bohol Campus Board composed of the PSHS-Bohol Campus Director as chairman; the regional director, Department of Science and Technology; the regional director, Department of Education; the president of the Parents-Teachers Association of the PSHS-Bohol Campus; the president of the Alumni Association; and two (2) representatives from the private sector to be appointed by the chairman of the PSHS-Bohol Campus Board, as members.

Until such time that there shall have been organized a PSHS-Bohol Campus Alumni Association, the president of the Alumni Association of the PSHS shall also be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees.

**SEC. 5. Functions of the PSHS-Bohol Campus Board.** – The functions of the PSHS-Bohol Campus shall be:

- (a) To prescribe for the administration of the PSHS-Bohol Campus rules and regulations as are consistent with this Act and the policies laid down by the PSHS Board of Trustees;

- (b) To act as citizens' committee to interpret the educational needs of the region to the Board of Trustees; and
- (c) To exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board of Trustees may prescribe or delegate.

A quorum of the PSHS-Bohol Campus Board shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the PSHS-Bohol Campus Board shall be served on the Director or secretary thereof.

**SEC. 6. Report.** – On or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of July each year, the Board of Trustees shall submit to the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Secretary of Science and Technology, and to both Houses of Congress, an annual report setting forth the progress, condition and needs of the high school.

**SEC. 7. Executive Council.** – There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the Director, the heads of departments, and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the high school as may be determined by the Director.

The Council shall have the power to screen and select the students to be admitted to the high school; to select students who shall be recipients of scholarships, stipends and other allowances; and to develop the curricula, courses of study, and rules of discipline, all subject to the approval of the PSHS-Bohol Campus Board. The Council shall have the exclusive power to recommend students eligible for graduation. Through the Director, it shall have disciplinary power over the students.

The Council shall implement and execute policies laid down by the Board of Trustees and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

**SEC. 8. Registrar.** – There shall be a registrar of the PSHS-Bohol Campus, who shall also act as secretary of the PSHS-Bohol Campus Board, to be appointed by the Director with the approval of the PSHS Board of Trustees. He shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the PSHS-Bohol Campus Board.

**SEC. 9. Treasurer.** – There shall also be a treasurer of the PSHS-Bohol Campus, who shall be appointed by the Director with the approval of the PSHS Board of Trustees. All accounts and expenses shall be audited by the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representative.

**SEC. 10. Legacies, Gifts and Donations.** – 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. The high school shall be exempt from the payment of all kinds of taxes, fees, assessments, and other charges of the national government, its branches, subdivisions and agencies.

**SEC. 11. Personnel.** – The teaching and non-teaching personnel of the PSHS-Bohol Campus shall be appointed, in accordance with law, by the Director with the approval of the PSHS Board of Trustees.

**SEC. 12. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Science and Technology shall immediately include in the program of the DOST the operationalization of the Philippine Science High School – Bohol Campus, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current years' appropriations of the Philippine Science High School campuses. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 13. Implementation.** – The Board of Trustees of the Philippine Science High School System, under the supervision of the Secretary of Science and Technology, shall issue such rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**SEC. 14. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, executive issuances or letters of instruction, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 15. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason or reasons, any part or parts of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any competent court, other parts of this Act shall be thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SEC. 16. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,