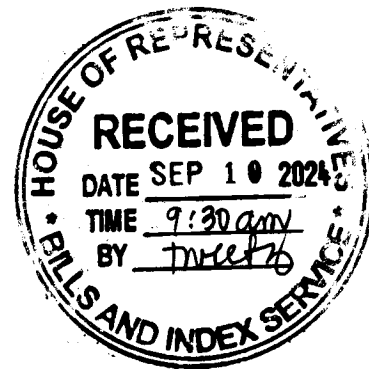


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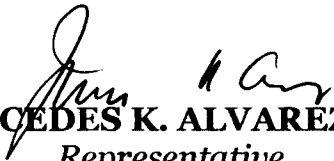
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9155, otherwise known as the Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, emphasizes as one of its goals the establishment of schools and learning centers as facilities where children are able to learn a range of core competencies prescribed for elementary and high school education programs.

The results of the 2018 and 2022 Programme for International Student Assessment reveals the bottom ranking of the Philippines, viz, 78/78 and 77/81, respectively. Accordingly, out of 81 countries, the Philippines now ranks sixth-lowest in both mathematics and reading, and third-lowest in science. Thus, the dismal performance of our students highlights the rising demand for quality mathematics and science education, thereby necessitating the establishment of mathematics and science high schools in the country.

This bill seeks to establish the Negros Occidental Mathematics and Science High School in the Municipality of Hinoba-an, Province of Negros Occidental, with the goal of producing well-trained and highly skilled individuals fully equipped to promote the local growth of the economy of the Negros Island Region and position the Municipality of Hinoba-an as a hub for science and innovation.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE HIGH**  
**SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINOBA-AN, PROVINCE OF**  
**NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEGROS**  
**OCCIDENTAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           Section 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the  
2 Department of Education (DepEd), a national mathematics and science high  
3 school in the Municipality of Hinoba-an, Province of Negros Occidental, to be  
4 known as the Negros Occidental Mathematics and Science High School.

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6           Sec. 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the program  
7 of the DepEd the operationalization of the Negros Occidental Mathematics and  
8 Science High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
9 Appropriations Act.

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11          Sec. 3. The Secretary of the DepEd shall issue the necessary rules and  
12 regulations implementing the provisions of this Act within one hundred twenty  
13 (120) days after its effectivity.

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2           Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
3   *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*