

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **364**



Introduced by Honorable **RHEA MAE A. GULLAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a national mathematics and science high school in the Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Cebu.

Under the 1987 Constitution, the State is mandated to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. It must establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

The Municipality of San Fernando has a total student population of more than 18,000. It is one of the few municipalities in the province that do not have a science and mathematics high school. None of the eight public schools in this municipality offers a specialized or accelerated curriculum in science and mathematics. While some public high schools in the area offer science and mathematics subjects, these schools have regular secondary curricula. They may only accommodate a limited number of science and math students since they also cater to other programs in the general education category. The absence of a science and mathematics high school in this municipality deprives its people of quality education and other benefits provided and offered by a science and mathematics school.

The establishment of San Fernando Math and Science High School will promote and enhance the development of the municipalities in the province. It will serve the needs of residents in their quest for specialized and quality high school education. It will also allow the people of San Fernando to pursue and avail of the education provided by a science and mathematics school without the need to travel to other science and mathematics schools. It will give them the opportunity to harness their talents and excel in the fields of science and mathematics, prepare them to face the challenges and demands of science and

technology driven-society, and ultimately, enable them to pursue higher education and careers in science and mathematics. Increasing the number of students in these fields will boost the competitive edge and innovative capacity of the municipality and will provide sound economic development strategy.

The measure aims to provide basic and highly specialized secondary education to the qualified students of San Fernando by establishing a school that will offer an accelerated curriculum on science and mathematics, provide a conducive environment for learning math and science skills, concepts and ideas, and establish a math and science community that will meet the demands of the town, province and country for math and science professionals.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is urgently recommended.


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN FERNANDO MATH AND SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. ***San Fernando Math and Science High School.*** – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national mathematics and science high school in South Poblacion, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Cebu to be known as the “San Fernando Math and Science High School.”

SECTION 2. ***Appropriations.*** - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the San Fernando Math and Science High School. The funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. ***Implementation.*** – The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,