

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3121

Introduced by Representative JB BERNOS

AN ACT
CONVERTING MARC YSRAEL B. BERNOS MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MUDENG, MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVINCE OF ABRA INTO A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MARC YSRAEL B. BERNOS MEMORIAL NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

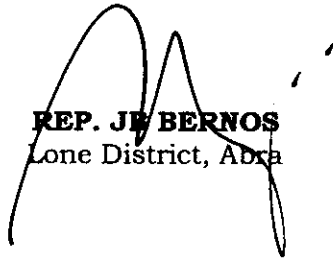
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) is home to only three (3) public science high schools, namely: Baguio City National Science High School, Cordillera Regional Science High School, and Philippine Science High School – CAR. All of these schools are concentrated only within the vicinity of Baguio City – Benguet area. In addition, the science high school in adjacent provinces of Ilocos Sur and La Union are also far for students who do not have proper resources to live away from their homes.

For young Abreños living 230 kilometers away from Baguio, the long distance is a discouraging figure in pursuing their education, most especially for talented but underprivileged students who dreams of pursuing a career in science and technology. The rising costs of education, compounded with the rising living costs, makes it simply impossible for a young person to live away from their families for their entire high school life.

It is for this reason that we want to pursue the establishment of a science high school in Abra. A homegrown science high school, in touch with the realities of Abra, will give rise to generations of Abreño scholars who will help develop the province as a science-oriented economy. However, in pursuit of conserving public resources, this Bill will convert Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National High School in Mudeng, La Paz, Abra into a science high school to be known as Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National Science High School. The said conversion shall attract students, who will be provided with special trainings in Science and Technology. They will become the leaders of tomorrow, leading Abra towards a better and more prosperous future.

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



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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution enunciates that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Furthermore, Section 10, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution articulates that science and technology are essential for national development and progress, to which the State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to science and technology education, training, and services. It shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country's productive systems and national life.

Towards this end, it shall be the State's priority to promote the development of education, science, and technology. In line with this policy, this measure seeks to establish the first science high school in the Province of Abra, converting for this purpose Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National High School into a science high school, so that it may receive proper funding and continue improving the quality of education in Abra.

Sec. 2. Conversion of Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National High School into a Science High School. The Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National High School currently located in Barangay Mudeng, Municipality of La Paz, Province of Abra, is hereby converted into a science high school to be known as Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National Science High School.

Sec. 3. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National Science High School.

Sec. 4. Appropriations. The Secretary of the Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of Marc Ysrael B. Bernos Memorial National Science High School. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within sixty (60) after the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 6. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,