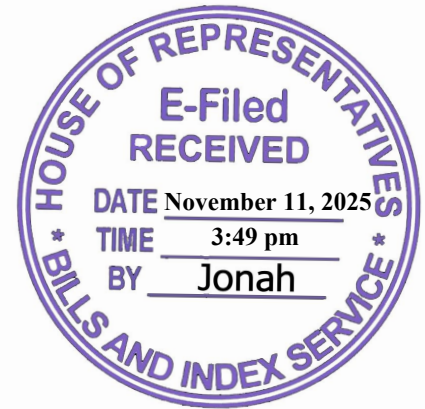


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5852



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The nurturing of young Filipino scientists must never be bound by distance nor dimmed by poverty. Every child who possesses the curiosity to learn deserves access to the education that will allow them to explore their potential. To make this possible, the doors of science education must open wider—to reach children in distant provinces, close the divide between poverty and potential, and affirm that excellence can emerge from even the poorest families.

This vision is embodied in Republic Act (RA) No. 8496, as amended by RA No. 1230, which established the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System. The law authorizes the creation of two PSHS campuses per administrative region, ensuring that gifted students across the country gain equal access to premier science education regardless of geography or circumstance.

In the Municipality of Liloy, the center of the Third District of Zamboanga del Norte where 53.1% of families live in poverty, countless young minds continue to show relentless determination despite economic hardship. While Region IX already hosts a PSHS campus in Barangay Cogon, Dipolog City, students from the Third District and nearby municipalities who aspire to study there must endure several hours of land travel—an impossible cost for many families living hand-to-mouth.

In line with the mandate of the government to advance scientific and technological development across all regions, this bill seeks to establish a PSHS Campus in the Municipality of Liloy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte. This campus will bring the nation's premier science education closer to the underserved youth of the region, ensuring that gifted students from the poorest and most remote communities are no longer left behind.

Through this measure, we take a decisive step toward nurturing the next generation of Filipino scientists and innovators who will lead the nation towards progress.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (PSHS) CAMPUS IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a campus of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System in the Municipality of Lilooy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, under the administrative supervision of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

SEC. 2. The Philippine Science High School-Liloy Campus shall form part of the PSHS System pursuant to Republic Act No. 8496, otherwise known as the "Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System Act of 1997," as amended by Republic Act No. 12310.

SEC. 3. The PSHS System, in close coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte, and the Municipal Government of Lilooy, shall supervise and oversee the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the PSHS-Liloy Campus.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DOST-PSHS System. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the campus shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,