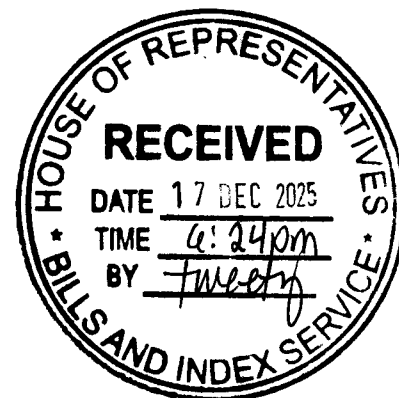


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House Bill No. 6966



Introduced by TUCP Party-list Representative
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, created under Republic Act No. 8496 and further strengthened by Republic Act No. 9036, is mandated to provide world-class secondary education in science, mathematics, and technology with the mission to nurture generations of scientists, engineers, researchers, and innovators who will propel our national development and global competitiveness.

Throughout its history, the PSHS System has produced outstanding graduates who make significant contributions in research and innovation towards nation-building. Yet access to this premier science education remains uneven, especially in underserved and far-flung regions, such as in Mindanao. The establishment of a PSHS campus in the Cotabato Province seeks to change that. Cotabato's growing population, rich cultural diversity, and strategic importance in Mindanao's development make it an ideal host for a new campus that will serve the region's most promising young minds.

This bill therefore proposes the creation of the Philippine Science High School Cotabato Province Campus in the Municipality of Carmen. The proposed campus will offer a rigorous curriculum in science, mathematics, engineering, technology, and research aligned with the K to 12 Basic Education Program and global educational standards. The campus will serve as a catalyst for regional innovation, economic growth, and inclusive progress across Cotabato and neighboring provinces. This measure is firmly aligned with the State's policy to promote equitable access to high-quality science and technology education and to ensure that all regions, including Mindanao, benefit from the transformative opportunities provided by the PSHS System.

In light of these aspirations, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL -
COTABATO PROVINCE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN,
COTABATO PROVINCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), a Philippine Science High School in the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Cotabato, to be known as the Philippine Science High School Cotabato Province Campus.

-SECTION 2. *School Site.* There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), a campus of the Philippine Science High School System in the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Cotabato, to be known as the Philippine Science High School - Cotabato Province Campus.

SECTION 3. *Curriculum and Program Implementation.* - The Philippine Science High School Cotabato Province Campus shall offer a specialized curriculum with emphasis on advanced science, mathematics, technology, engineering, and research, in accordance with the K to 12 Basic Education Program and other relevant educational frameworks.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Science and Technology shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Philippine Science High School Cotabato Province Campus, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Implementation.* - The Secretary of Science and Technology shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,