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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5635



Introduced by **HON. JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to build and establish a Philippine Science High School campus in the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan to be known as Philippine Science High School – Cagayan Campus.

The Constitution states in Article II, Section 17, 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; while RA No. 9036 mandates that the state shall also ensure that every region is given equal opportunity to benefit from the establishment of the PSHS System. However, the law also states that only one (1) PSHS campus shall be established in each of the administrative regions of the country.

The Cagayan Valley Region currently has one Philippine Science High School campus, which is located at Bayombong, Nueva Viscaya, also known as PSHS Cagayan Valley. The catchment population since the time of its conception has dramatically increased, hence the need for a campus in the province of Cagayan to cater to deserving students in the provinces of Cagayan, Batanes, majority of Isabela and nearby provinces of Kalinga and Apayao.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF IGUIG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Philippine Science High School Campus in the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan which shall be under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology.

SECTION 2. The Philippine Science High School – Cagayan Campus shall be integrated into the Philippine Science High School System Act under Republic Act No.8496, otherwise known as the "Philippine Science High School System Act of 1997."

SECTION 3. The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology, is hereby tasked to administer and supervise the establishment of the Philippine Science High School-Cagayan Campus under this Act.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be incorporated in the annual general Appropriations Act of the succeeding year following the approval of this Act.

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

Approved,