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HOUSE BILL NO. 7555

Introduced by Representative ANTONIO 'TONYPET' T. ALBANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all (Article IV, Section 1).

In recognition of the strategic importance of science and technology for national development, the Constitution further mandates the State to give priority to science and technology education, training, and services (Article XIV, Section 10).

Pursuant to these constitutional mandates, this bill seeks to establish a Philippine Science High School (PHS) campus in the Municipality of Cabagan, Province of Isabela to be known as Philippine Science High School-Isabela Campus.

At present, there are about one hundred eighteen thousand four hundred (118,400) students who are enrolled in both public and private junior high schools in the Province of Isabela. The number of students is expected to grow even more in the years ahead.

The establishment of the Philippine Science High School (PHS)- Isabela Campus will open a bigger door that allows greater access to opportunities for quality education in the secondary level for qualified and deserving high school students in the Province of Isabela as well as those from the nearby Province of Cagayan to prepare them for careers in science and technology. Students would no longer have to spend more and travel far to Nueva Vizcaya where the Philippine Science High School Cagayan Valley Campus is located.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (PSHS)-ISABELA CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology, a Philippine Science High School (PSHS) in the Municipality of Cabagan, Province of Isabela to be known as the Philippine Science High School-Isabela Campus.

Section 2. The Philippine Science High School (PSHS)-Isabela Campus shall be integrated into the Philippine Science High School System under Republic Act No. 8496, otherwise known as the “Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System Act of 1997.”

Section 3. The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, in close coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Local Government Unit (LGU) concerned namely the Province of Isabela, is hereby tasked to administer and supervise the establishment of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS)-Isabela Campus under this Act.

Section 4. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act is shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act on the year following the approval of this Act and in every year thereafter.

Section 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,