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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to enable the Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (ISMED) to have a Research, Development and Training Trust Fund, the annual earnings of which will be used for research, curriculum development and teacher training in science and mathematics education.

Based on its present set-up, the Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (ISMED) is dependent on the financial support and priorities of various funding agencies. The MOOE it receives from the University of the Philippines (UP) is not adequate even for the maintenance of its Japanese-donated facilities.

Under this proposed measure, the Research, Development and Training Trust Fund will support research related activities that will help the country to be competitive in science and mathematics education.

Data will show that based on the Third International Mathematics and Science Study for 13-Year Old Students in 41 countries, the Philippines was second and third from the lowest in science and mathematics, respectively. This data only shows that there is an urgent need to develop the quality of science and mathematics education and training in the country.

It is, therefore, hoped that this proposed measure will contribute significantly to the advancement of science and mathematics education in the country.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
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DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*NISMED Act of 2004.*”

SEC. 2. *Statement of Objectives.* – The objectives of this Act are the following:

- a) To promote strengthened programs in science and mathematics education at the basic and teacher education levels to attain international competitiveness;
- b) To focus teacher development on meeting the demands of quality science education to cope with a scientifically and technologically oriented society;
- c) To hasten the development of thinking skills among the citizens and empower students and teachers for global competitiveness; and
- d) To promote science consciousness and develop a science culture for the country.

SEC. 3. *Creation of National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (NISMED).* – The Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines (UP) is

hereby authorized to carry out the establishment of the National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (NISMED) out of the present staff of the UP Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (UPISMED).

SEC. 4. *Implementing Guidelines.* - The Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines shall have full authority to determine the necessary implementing guidelines, procedures, programs, organizational structure and other matters related to the administration and operation of the National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (NISMED).

SEC. 5. *Scholarship Program.* - The NISMED shall provide a special scholarship program for teachers in science and mathematics all over the country.

SEC. 6. *Science and Mathematics Education Development Fund.* - A Science and Mathematics Education Development Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "NISMED Fund" is hereby established to be managed and administered by NISMED, the income of which shall be utilized exclusively for research and to develop and implement training and training-related activities.

The contribution to the Fund shall be composed, among others, of the following:

- a) a one time lump sum appropriation from the national government in the amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (Php 100,000,000.00);
- b) an annual contribution of one percent (1%) from the travel tax fund.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other section or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,