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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The UNICEF observed that despite being a middle-income country with enough resources to support children's education, many Filipinos miss out on opportunities to learn. Fewer children have access to education, the quality of education is problematic, and conducive learning environments are lacking.

Studies also revealed that Filipino students have low retention of concepts, limited reasoning and analytical skills, and poor communication skills. (UP NISMED 2005)

The students' low performance in these indicators is primarily due to the quality of teachers, teaching-learning process, school curriculum, instructional materials and administrative support. (DOST-SEI 2006)

One way to improve the competency of Filipino students is to develop a curriculum that strengthens the scientific inquiry of students. By establishing secondary schools that have strong science and technology program, students are

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trained to have a perspective geared on scientific inquisition that will someday be useful to the nation's development.

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On this premise, this bill proposes the establishment of Bacoor City National Science High School in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. Through the establishment of said science high school, students with strong inclination in Mathematics and Science will be given access to quality education and appropriate trainings aligned with their skills. It will further develop their scientific and mathematical skills to become great nation builders.

Immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Establishment of a National High School.* – There is hereby 2 established, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), a national 3 science high school in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, to be known as the 4 "Bacoor City National Science High School."

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Sec. 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include
in the Department's program the operationalization of the Bacoor City National Science
High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
Appropriations Act.

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11 Sec. 3. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and 12 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved.

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