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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral spiritual, intellectual and social well-being." Article XIV, Section 1 the Constitution mandates 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."

The Municipality of Labangan is a third-class municipality in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur. According to the 2020 census, it has a population of 44,262 people. This represented 4.21% of the total population of Zamboanga del Sur province, or 1.14% of the overall population of the Zamboanga Peninsula region.

Pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional mandate, this bill proposes to establish a Philippine Science High School in the Municipality of Labangan, Province of Zamboanga del Sur to stimulate optimistic drive among students who have interest in the field of science and technology. Likewise, to maintain, support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education that is relevant to the needs of the people and society. This would ensure that the youth of Zamboanga del Sur and neighboring provinces are provided with accessible and quality education.

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

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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 Campus in the Municipality of Labangan, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.
- **SEC. 2.** The Philippine Science High School Labangan 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."
- **SEC. 3.** The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), is hereby tasked to administer and supervise the establishment of the Philippine Science High School-Labangan Campus under this Act.
- **SEC. 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.
- **SEC. 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,