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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In spite of the Philippines' high adult literacy rate and regard for education, the quality of the country's education system is in decline. The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) report ranked the Philippines 74th in terms of educational development, falling behind Vietnam, 65th, Indonesia, 58th and Mongolia, 61st. In the International Mathematics and Science Study 2003, the Philippines ranked 41st in Science and 42nd in Math out of 45th countries.

To aggravate this situation further, many Filipino children from poor families are still forced to drop out from schools. Instead of completing high school and going onto higher education, these children are employed in often manual and very basic tasks to help support their family. Ultimately, these children grow up with just elementary education. As a result, the country is suffering from an inability to produce a competent and skilled workforce – to be employed both at home and abroad – required for badly needed socioeconomic development.

The bill seeks to address this situation with the creation of Science high schools in each province and highly urbanized city. It is hoped that these additional schools will be able to continue the good work of this country's current 15 national Science high schools in producing competitive graduates especially in the field of research and Math. These new schools will be subsidized by both the national government through the Department of Education and the concerned Local Government Units, giving children from poorer backgrounds the chance to a better education and a better life.

In respect of the declining state of the country's education, the swift approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

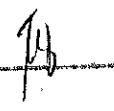

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**AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL PROVINCES AND HIGHLY -URBANIZED CITIES TO
ESTABLISH A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL**

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Title.*** – This Act shall be known and cited as the “Science High
2 School Establishment Act.”

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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy*** – It is the declared policy of the State to uplift the
5 quality of education and to equip the youth with knowledge to make them competitive and
6 productive citizens.

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8 **SEC. 3. *Statement of Goals and Objectives.*** – It is the goal and objective of the bill
9 to:

- 10 a) promote and strengthen the quality of education;
- 11 b) produce globally competitive individuals;

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13 **SEC. 4. *Establishment of Science High Schools*** – All provinces and highly
14 urbanized cities are hereby mandated to establish Science high schools within their
15 jurisdiction. Provincial and city officials together with the Department of Education shall
16 work for the establishment of the school.

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18 **SEC. 5. *Funding Source*** – In order to finance the establishment and the continuous
19 operation of the Science high school, the provincial and city government and district

1 representatives shall allocate a substantial amount enough to ensure the sustainability of the
2 program.

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4 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provisions or part thereof is invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
6 remain valid and subsisting.

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8 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
9 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule of regulation contrary to or
10 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
11 accordingly.

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13 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,