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No. 425

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNANCE AND DEFINING
THE SCOPE OF THE PSHS SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8496

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 8496, otherwise known
2 as the "Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System Act of 1997", is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 5. *Scope.* – The Philippine Science High School System
5 shall be composed of the existing PSHS campuses at Diliman[; Eastern
6 Visayas, Western Visayas and Mindanao], **QUEZON CITY; PALO, LEYTE;**
7 **JARO, ILOILO CITY; TUGBOK, DAVAO CITY; BAYOMBONG, NUEVA**
8 **VIZCAYA; GOA, CAMARINES SUR; BALOI, LANA DEL NORTE** and
9 future campuses which shall be established under this law."

1 SEC. 2. Section 6 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 “SEC. 6. *Overall Coordinating Authority.* – The PSHS System
4 shall be under the administrative supervision of the Department of Science
5 and Technology (DOST). **THE DOST THROUGH THE BOARD OF**
6 **TRUSTEES SHALL PURSUE ITS MANDATE TO OBTAIN QUALITY**
7 **MANPOWER RESOURCES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BY PROVIDING**
8 **A FEEDER SCHOOL IN THE SECONDARY LEVEL THROUGH THE PSHS**
9 **SYSTEM.**

10 “ALL EXISTING PSHS CAMPUSES ENUMERATED IN THIS ACT ARE
11 **DEEMED TO HAVE CONFORMED TO THE QUALITY, UNIFORM STANDARD**
12 **AND INTEGRITY OF THESE SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS. ALL OTHER**
13 **FUTURE CAMPUSES THAT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS SUCH SHALL,**
14 **BEFORE THEIR CREATION, COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND**
15 **CRITERIA IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BONA FIDE PSHS. SUCH**
16 **REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AND FORMULATED**
17 **BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ENSURE THE QUALITY, UNIFORM**
18 **STANDARD, AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE PSHS SYSTEM; and**

19 “OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS WHICH IN THEIR CREATION SHALL BE
20 **NAMED AS PSHS BUT DO NOT ACQUIRE AND MAINTAIN THE**
21 **REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY OF A PSHS, SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS**
22 **SUCH AS DEFINED BY THIS ACT AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8496, BUT**
23 **SHALL FALL UNDER THE CATEGORY OF OTHER SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOLS**
24 **OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM. THE DOST MAY HOWEVER, IN ANY EVENT**

1 POSSIBLE, PROVIDE TO THESE SCHOOLS THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL
2 ASSISTANCE FOR TEACHER AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, TO
3 ENHANCE LEARNING IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.”

4 SEC. 3. Section 7 (b), (h), (i), and (k) of the same Act are hereby
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “SEC. 7. (b) [Formulate policies on the] APPROVE appointment,
7 promotion, retention, [removal,] renewal, rewards and incentives for
8 [administrators,] faculty and staff; TO FIX THEIR COMPENSATION AND
9 OTHER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT; AND TO REMOVE THEM FOR
10 CAUSE AFTER PROPER INVESTIGATION AND HEARING;

11 “(h) Approve the PSHS System budget; RECEIVE and appropriate
12 to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the
13 support of the System;

14 “(i) [Receive grants whether cash, land, buildings and
15 improvements thereof; donations, contributions, bequests, gifts, and to
16 formulate policies for the administration thereof.] APPROVE THE USE OF
17 ALL INCOME AND DONATIONS RECEIVED IN TRUST BY INDIVIDUAL
18 CAMPUSES, ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE GAIN AND INTENTION
19 OF THE DONATION. IN CASES WHERE INCOME/DONATION RECEIVED IS
20 NOT INTENDED FOR A PARTICULAR CAMPUS, THE BOARD SHALL
21 LIKEWISE APPROPRIATE THE SAME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SYSTEM
22 OR ANY PART THEREOF;

1 “(k) [Set] **ESTABLISH** policies and **FORMULATE**
2 **GUIDELINES/criteria/REQUIREMENTS** **NECESSARY** to rationalize the
3 establishment of science high schools under the System, **IN ORDER TO**
4 **MAINTAIN THE QUALITY AND UNIFORM STANDARD INHERENT OF A**
5 **BONAFIDE PSHS** [for its evaluation and approval thereof]; and”

6 SEC. 4. Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended to add the
7 following subsection:

8 “SEC. 7.1. *BOARD OF VISITORS.* – **THERE SHALL BE A BOARD OF**
9 **VISITORS WHO SHALL BE INVITED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN**
10 **SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS THAT SHALL BE CONVENED AT LEAST ONCE**
11 **EVERY SCHOOL YEAR, ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE REVIEW AND**
12 **ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF THE PSHS SYSTEM, AND ITS**
13 **EDUCATIONAL RELEVANCE TO THE CONCERNS OF THE LOCALITY.”**

14 SEC. 5. A new section shall be added under Miscellaneous
15 Provisions, between Section 11 and Section 12 of the same Act designated
16 as Section 11-A, to read as follows:

17 “SEC. 11-A. **THE NUEVA VIZCAYA SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL**
18 **ESTABLISHED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7622 AS AMENDED BY**
19 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8364 IS HEREBY ABSORBED BY THE PHILIPPINE**
20 **SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND SHALL FORM PART OF THE PSHS**
21 **– BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA CAMPUS.**

22 “**THE PSHS – GOA, CAMARINES SUR CAMPUS SHALL BE**
23 **CONSIDERED DISTINCT AND SEPARATE FROM THE SAN RAFAEL**

1 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGAON,
2 PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR WHICH SHALL CONTINUE TO EXIST
3 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
4 CULTURE AND SPORTS (DECS) PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
5 BATAS PAMBANSA 580, AS AMENDED AND SHALL MAINTAIN ALL
6 PERSONNEL, ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND RECORDS PREVIOUSLY
7 TRANSFERRED AND ABSORBED BY THE PSHS – CAMARINES SUR
8 CAMPUS.

9 THE PUERTO PRINCESA CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH
10 SCHOOL ESTABLISHED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8287 IS HEREBY
11 ABSORBED BY THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND
12 SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE “PSHS PUERTO PRINCESA CITY PALAWAN
13 CAMPUS”. THE DOST AND THE DECS SHALL FORMULATE THE
14 NECESSARY GUIDELINES FOR THE GRADUAL PHASEOUT OF THE EXISTING
15 SCHOOL.”

16 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately upon
17 its approval.

Approved,