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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 1065

### Introduced by Representative Victor A. Yap

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Based on a 2015 study by EduData, only 60 percent of Filipino students who enter Grade 1 are able to finish high school. The high cost of education was cited among the top reasons for dropping out of school.

The same study showed that Central Luzon, together with Zamboanga-ARMM region and Eastern Visayas, is among the dropout "hotspots" where the dropout rate is significantly higher than other parts of the country. Providing free and accessible quality education is one major step to address this issue.

This bill aims to advance the right to free and quality education, particularly in the secondary level, by establishing the Tarlac National Science High School. Such learning institution aims to enhance the youth's skills in science and technology, which are proven to be very valuable in present day standards.

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

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#### AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF TARLAC, PROVINCE OF TARLAC TO BE KNOWN AS THE TARLAC NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of a National High School. - There is hereby established, 1 2 under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national science high school in the city 3 of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac to be known as the Tarlac National Science High School. 4 SECTION 2. Appropriations. - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in 5 the Department's program the operationalization of the Tarlac National Science High School, the 6 7 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. 8 SECTION 3. - Implementation. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and 9 10 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act. 11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 12 13 Approved, 14