

Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3496

Introduced by **Representative JOEY SARTE SALCEDA**

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE CAMALIG SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

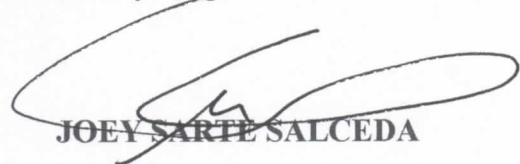
EXPLANATORY NOTE

In order to compete in the world of fast-paced growth in technology, our schools must be able to encourage and hone talented young individuals who are the future of our nation. Science and math are the foundation of teaching the young to think, solve problems, innovate and are essential in producing analytical minds and creators that fuel technological breakthroughs. In our country however, science high schools are few. There are currently only 59 science high schools, a number too low to benefit all deserving students, especially in the provinces.

Economic and geographical considerations are proving to be the major obstacles in granting access to quality education to students. Bringing the schools closer to the target population would ensure a steady stream of bright minds and allow even those from remote areas to compete for slots in the best colleges and universities in the country. As a result, a steady pool of forward thinking individuals will be available to the Philippines.

This bill is being introduced to allow students of the Municipality of Camalig in the Province of Albay the opportunity to advance in the field of science and math by establishing the Camalig Science High School. Based on the latest census, the highest population in Camalig is between the ages of 10-14 in 2015, the age group that would most benefit in the establishment of the science-oriented school.

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. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Camalig Science High School Act”.

SEC. 2. *Establishment of a Science High School.* – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a science high school in the Municipality of Camalig, Province of Albay to be known as Camalig Science High School.”

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Camalig Science High School, the funding of which shall be incorporated in the General Appropriations Act of the immediate preceding fiscal year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Education shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act, together with the Department of Science and Technology, and other relevant stakeholders within one hundred thirty (130) days after its effectivity.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders and proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, or amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,