

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4389



Introduced by **Representative ED CHRISTOPHER S. GO**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (PSHS) CAMPUS IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF REINA MERCEDES PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The honing of globally competitive Filipino scientists should not be confined and hindered by distance and family income. The Philippine Science High School system, much as it offers scholarship program in special science secondary education, should be made available to as many gifted students and to as many areas possible. Our declared goal of preparing gifted students for careers in Science and Technology is a national imperative as we usher our country to the next wave of global IT infrastructure and science economy.

This bill seeks to establish a Philippine Science High School (PSHS) campus in the Municipality of Reina Mercedes, Province of Isabela.

The Municipality of Reina Mercedes, Province of Isabela, deserves to have a Philippine Science High School to provide quality education in the field of Science and Technology, especially with the consideration of the pool of learners and deserving high school students with high aptitude in science, technology and mathematics. As it is, the PSHS-Bayombong Campus in Nueva Viscaya is at the southernmost corner of Region II. This discourages many qualified scholars of the Region to forego the chance due to distance and its logistical entailments.

The establishment of Philippine Science High School (PSHS)-Reina Mercedes Campus will enable the qualified students to be equipped with proper training and facilities that will eventually lead them to a science career right at the heart of the Cagayan Valley Region. Thus, the establishment of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS)-Reina Mercedes Campus seeks to extend free special science education to as many qualified students of the Region – thereby ensuring the capacity of its youth for a future steeped in IT and the science economy.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of
2 Science and Technology, the Philippine Science High School in the Municipality of Reina
3 Mercedes, Province of Isabela.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Philippine Science High School-Reina Mercedes Campus shall be
5 integrated into the Philippine Science High School Act System under Republic Act. No. 8496,
6 otherwise known as the "Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System Act of 1997."

7 **SECTION 3.** The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, in close
8 coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Local
9 Government Unit (LGU) in the Municipality of Reina Mercedes, Province of Isabela is hereby
10 tasked to administer and supervise the establishment of Philippine Science High School
11 (PSHS)-Reina Mercedes Campus under this Act.

12 **SECTION 4.** The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
13 incorporated in the general appropriations act of the immediate proceeding fiscal year
14 following its enactment into law and thereafter.

15 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its
16 publication in the official gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,