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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 383

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture, Ways and Means, and Finance on 09 AUG 2000

Re: Senate Bill No. 2113, prepared by the Committees

Recommending its approval in substitution of S. B. Nos. 866, 1388, 1868 and 1871, and taking into consideration H. B. No. 8134

Sponsor: Senator Aquino-Oreta

Mr. President:

The Committees on Education, Arts and Culture, Ways and Means, and Finance, to which were referred S. B. No. 866, introduced by Sen. Sotto III, ^{and Sen. Casateng} entitled:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE LUZON CAMPUS OF THE PHILIPPINE
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL"**

S. B. No. 1388, introduced by Sen. Sotto III, entitled:

**"AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM GOVERNANCE OF THE PSHS
SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 6 AND 7
OF R. A. NO. 8496 AND SECTIONS 3 AND 5 OF R. A. NO. 8619"**

S. B. No. 1868, introduced by Sen. Aquino-Oreta, entitled:

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

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S. B. No. 1871, introduced by Sen. Magsaysay, Jr., entitled:

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

and taking into consideration H. B. No. 8134, introduced by Representatives Ipong, Garcia (E.) Jr., Kintanar, Sarmiento (A.), Singson, Padilla (C.), Fuentebella, Liban, Angara-Castillo and Villar, entitled:


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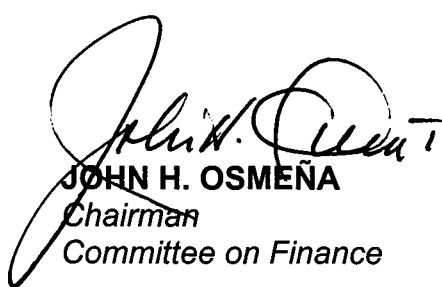
have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, S. B. No. 2113, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

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

be approved in substitution of S. B. Nos. 866, 1388, 1868 and 1871 with Senators Sotto III, ^{Cosentino, Jr.} Aquino-Oreta, and Magsaysay, Jr., as authors thereof.

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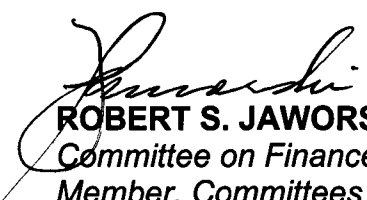

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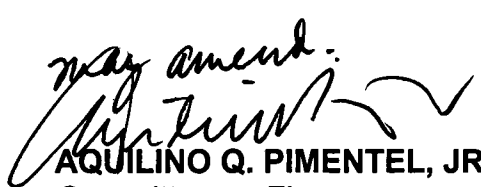
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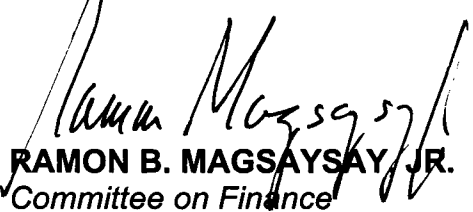
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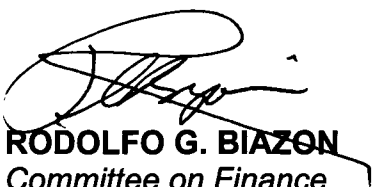

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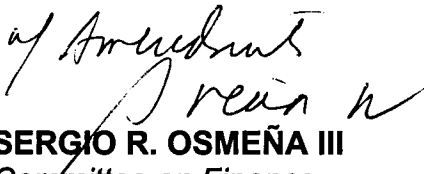

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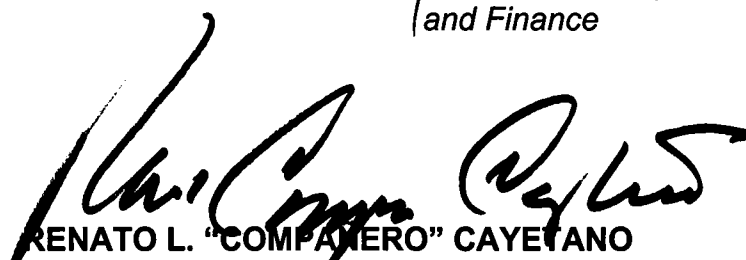

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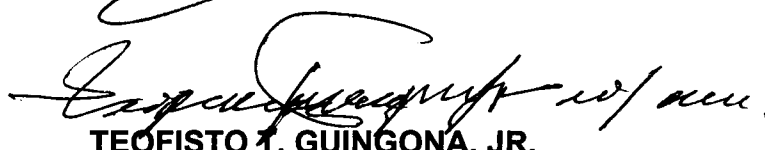

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S. B. No 2113

(In Substitution of S. B. Nos. 866, 1388, 1868 and 1871)

Introduced by Senators Sotto III, Coseteng, Aquino-Oreta, and Magsaysay, Jr.

AN ACT

**STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNANCE AND DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE
PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (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:*

SECTION 1. A second paragraph is hereby added under Section 2 of
Republic Act No. 8496, otherwise known as the Philippine Science High School
(PSHS) Sytem Act of 1997, to read as follows:

**“THE STATE SHALL ALSO ENSURE THAT EVERY REGION IS
GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PSHS SYSTEM. TOWARDS THIS END,
ONLY ONE (1) PSHS CAMPUS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN EACH
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY.”**

Sec. 2. Section 3, paragraph (a) of the same Act is hereby amended to
read as follows:

**“(a) Integrate the existing PSHS at Diliman, NUEVA VIZCAYA,
CAMARINES SUR, ILOILO CITY, LEYTE, LANA O DEL NORTE AND
DAVAO CITY [Eastern Visayas, Western Visayas and Mindanao] into one
system of governance and management;”**

Sec. 3. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 5. Scope. – The Philippine Science High School System
shall be composed of the existing PSHS campuses HEREIN MENTIONED
[at Diliman, Eastern Visayas, Western Visayas and Mindanao,] and future**

campuses which shall be established under this [law] ACT. THE EXISTING CAMPUSES AT DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY; BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA; GOA, CAMARINES SUR; JARO, ILOILO CITY; PALO, LEYTE; TUGBOK, DAVAO CITY; AND BALO-I, LANA DEL NORTE, SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE PSHS MAIN CAMPUS, PSHS CAGAYAN VALLEY, PSHS BICOL REGION, PSHS WESTERN VISAYAS, PSHS EASTERN VISAYAS, PSHS SOUTHERN MINDANAO AND PSHS CENTRAL MINDANAO, RESPECTIVELY.

THE NUEVA VISCAYA SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, ESTABLISHED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7622, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8364, IS HEREBY ABSORBED BY THE PSHS SYSTEM AND SHALL BECOME PSHS CAGAYAN VALLEY CAMPUS.

THE PSHS BICOL CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GOA, CAMARINES SUR, ESTABLISHED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8304, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8619, SHALL BE CONSIDERED DISTINCT AND SEPARATE FROM THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGAON, CAMARINES SUR. THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SHALL CONTINUE TO EXIST UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DECS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 580, AS AMENDED, AND SHALL MAINTAIN ALL PERSONNEL, ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND RECORDS PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED AND ABSORBED BY THE PSHS BICOL CAMPUS."

Sec. 4. A new Section 6 is hereby inserted between Sections 5 and 6 of the same Act, to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. RESTRICTION ON THE CONVERSION OF HIGH SCHOOLS INTO A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL. - IN ADDITION TO THE GUIDELINES/CRITERIA THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PSHS BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THE

1 **ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL,**
2 **THE CONVERSION AND INCLUSION OF EXISTING HIGH SCHOOLS**
3 **INTO THE PSHS SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.”**

4 **Sec. 5.** Section 6 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **“Sec. [6] 7. Overall Coordinating Authority.** – The PSHS System
6 shall be under the administrative supervision of the Department of Science
7 and Technology (DOST). **THE PSHS SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
8 **(BOT) SHALL BE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ALL THE PSHS**
9 **CAMPUSES WHEREVER SITUATED.**

10 **Sec. 6.** Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. [7] 8. Board of Trustees.** – There shall be a Board of
12 Trustees composed of the secretary of the DOST as *ex-officio* Chairman,
13 the secretary of DECS as *ex-officio* Vice Chairman, and the following
14 members: The President of the U.P., the Executive Director of PSHS, the
15 Director of the Science Education Institute (SEI), [and] the President from
16 the PSHS National Alumni Association, **AND THE CHAIRPERSONS OF**
17 **THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON SCIENCE AND**
18 **TECHNOLOGY** as *ex-officio* members; and one (1) representative each
19 from the private sector representing higher education, education for the
20 gifted, industry, agriculture, and new and emerging technologies. The
21 private sector representatives shall be appointed by [the Chairman subject
22 to the confirmation of] the Board of Trustees **UPON RECOMMENDATION**
23 **OF A DULY CONSTITUTED SEARCH COMMITTEE.** For the first set of
24 appointments, three (3) of them shall serve for four (4) years, while the
25 other two (2) for two (2) years, thereafter, succeeding appointments shall
26 have a fixed term of four (4) years.

27 The Board shall exercise the following powers:

28 (a) Formulate policies and guidelines for the administration and
29 operation of the PSHS System;

1 **(B)FIX THE SITE OF THE PSHS CAMPUS IN EACH OF THE**
2 **ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS;**

3 **(C)[b] [Formulate policies on the] APPROVE** appointment,
4 promotion, retention, [removal,] renewal, rewards and
5 incentives for [administrators,] faculty and staff, **FIX THEIR**
6 **COMPENSATION AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF**
7 **EMPLOYMENT, AND REMOVE THEM FOR CAUSE AFTER**
8 **PROPER INVESTIGATION AND HEARING;**

9 **(D)[c]** Approve the curricula submitted by the Executive Director;

10 **(E)[d]** Approve the criteria for the selection and admission of
11 students;

12 **(F)[e]** Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such
13 allowances for students;

14 **(G)[f]** Approve the graduation of successful candidates from the
15 various PSHS campuses;

16 **(H)[g]** Formulate policies and rules of discipline for students, faculty
17 and staff;

18 **(I)[h]** Approve the PSHS System budget, **RECEIVE** and
19 appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be
20 provided by law for the support of the System;

21 **(J)[i]** Receive grants whether cash, land, buildings and
22 improvements thereof; donations, contributions, bequest, gifts,
23 and to formulate policies for the administration thereof;

24 **(K)APPROVE THE USE OF ALL INCOME GENERATED BY THE**
25 **SCHOOL IN THE PURSUIT OF ITS FUNCTION AND**
26 **DONATIONS RECEIVED IN TRUST BY INDIVIDUAL**
27 **CAMPUSES, ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE GAIN**
28 **AND INTENTION OF THE DONATION. IN CASES WHERE**
29 **INCOME/DONATION RECEIVED IS NOT INTENDED FOR A**

1 PARTICULAR CAMPUS, THE BOARD SHALL LIKEWISE
2 APPROPRIATE THE SAME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
3 SYSTEM OR ANY PART THEREOF;

4 (L)[j] Develop policies for the expansion of enrollment in the
5 campuses under the PSHS System;

6 (M)[k] [Set] ESTABLISH policies and FORMULATE
7 GUIDELINES/criteria, REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY to
8 rationalize the establishment AND OPERATION of the science
9 high schools under the System IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE
10 QUALITY AND UNIFORM STANDARD INHERENT OF A
11 BONAFIDE PSHS [, for its evaluation and approval thereof];
12 and

13 (N)[l] Prepare strategic plans to enhance the capability of the
14 System in developing human resources with focus on youth with
15 special talents in science and mathematics.”

16 **Sec. 7.** Section 8 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 “**Sec. [8] 9. Executive Director (ED).** - There shall be an
18 Executive Director who shall be appointed by [the Chairman, subject to
19 the approval of] the Board and shall be conferred the rank equivalent to a
20 bureau director with a fixed term of six (6) years, renewable for another
21 term. The ED shall [coordinate the implementation] EXERCISE
22 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OVER ALL CAMPUS DIRECTORS
23 AND SHALL BE THE PRIMARY IMPLEMENTOR of policies and
24 guidelines set by the Board of Trustees. As a member of the Board of
25 Trustees, the ED shall articulate to the Board the mutual concern of all the
26 campuses.”

27 **Sec. 8.** A new Section 10 is hereby inserted between Sections 8 and 9 of
28 the same Act, to read as follows;

1 **"SEC. 10. - DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (DED). THERE**
2 **SHALL BE A DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (DED) WHO SHALL BE**
3 **APPOINTED BY THE BOARD FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS,**
4 **RENEWABLE FOR ANOTHER TERM. THE DED SHALL PERFORM**
5 **THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE**
6 **DIRECTOR."**

7 **Sec. 9.** Section 9 of the same Act is hereby renumbered as Section 11.

8 **Sec. 10.** Section 10 of the same Act shall be amended, to read as follows:

9 **"Sec. [10] 12. Executive Committee.** – There shall be an
10 Executive Committee **IN THE PSHS SYSTEM** composed of the Executive
11 Director **AS EX-OFFICIO CHAIRPERSON** and the Campus Directors [in
12 the PSHS System] as members. [The committee shall be collegial in
13 character.]

14 **Sec. 11.** Sections 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the same Act are hereby
15 renumbered accordingly.

16 **Sec. 12. Repealing and Amending Clause.** - All laws, executive orders,
17 presidential decrees, rules and regulations or parts hereof which are inconsistent
18 with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

19 **Sec. 13. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its
20 approval.

21 Approved,