

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8248, December 30, 1996 ]**

**AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7687, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP ACT OF 1994**

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7687, otherwise known as the Science and Technology Scholarship Act of 1994, is hereby amended by adding sub-section 4-A to read as follows:

"SEC. 4-A. *Science and Technology Human Resource Development Council.* – A Science and Technology Human Resource Development Council is hereby created which shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and shall be composed of the following members:

"The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

"The Secretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS);

"The Director-General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA);

"The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);  
and

"The President of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC).

"The Council shall perform the following functions:

"(1) Coordinate science and technology human resource development programs;

"(2) Formulate a medium-and long-term science and technology human resource development plan in accordance with the national medium-term plan;

"(3) Formulate broad policies for the allocations of science and technology scholarships;