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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

Introduced by Honorable Solomon R. Chungalao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate and convert the IFUGAO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY-IFUGAO COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADE [ISCAF-ICAT for short] located in the capital town of Lagawe, Ifugao Province into a TESDA and DOLE Supervised Educational Institute from the IFUGAO COLLEGE OF AGTRICULTURE AND FORESTRY with main campus in Barangay Nayon, Municipality of Lamut, Ifugao Province.

Ifugao Province is currently ranked as number four [4] in the list of most depressed Provinces. One of the most important factors in its hope to move out from such state of socio-economic condition is education. Even the constitution so provides that provisions that guarantee quality education at all levels and people's access to that kind of education.

ISCAF-ICAT was previously an arts and trade school existing under the supervision of the DECS before its integration to the ISCAF, Main Campus, at Nayon, Lamut, Ifugao Province and presently under the supervision of CHED. Whether its integration to the ISCAF-Lamut brought about improvement or not is hard to tell and beside the point considering that the proper agency that should supervise it to achieve the purpose of its establishment should be TESDA in coordination with DOLE. It was primarily established to provide vocational and technical education to the people in the province to help them obtain skill necessary in their means of livelihood considering that they could hardly afford to pursue higher academic school education elsewhere.

Furthermore, vocational and technical education is the thrust for the moment to enable our people to enhance their socio-economic condition and the separation and conversion of the IFUGAO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY-

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With the foregoing premises, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
SEPARATING AND CONVERTING THE IFUGAO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY-IFUGAO COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADE [ISCAF-ICAT] LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAGAWE, IFUGAO PROVINCE INTO A TESDA SUPERVISED SCHOOL IN COORDINATION WITH THE DOLE

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

SECTION 1. The IFUGAO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY-IFUGAO COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADE [ISCAF-ICAT] located in the capital town of Lagawe, Ifugao Province is hereby separated from the IFUGAO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, main campus, located at Nayon, Lamut, Ifugao Province to be known as before as the IFUGAO COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADE [ICAT] under the direct administration and supervision of the TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY [TESDA] in coordination with the DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT [DOLE].

SECTION 2. ICAT shall primarily offer such technical and vocational courses as the TESDA may deem necessary to carry out its objectives. It shall also offer courses and other opportunities in such courses within its area of specialization and other related courses to meet the needs of the Province and the Country as a whole.

SECTION 3. ICAT shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth in the Corporation Law. The administration of the school and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees and the School Administrator insofar as authorized by the Board.

SECTION 4. The governing body of the ICAT shall be the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the following:

1. Director General of TESDA, Chairman
2. School Administrator – Vice Chairman
3. Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate – Member
4. Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives – Member
5. Representative of the Department of Labor and Employment – Member
6. Representative of the National Economic and Development Authority – Member
7. Representative from the Department of Science and Technology - Member
8. President of the Faculty Association of the school – Member
9. President of the Alumni Association of the school – Member
10. President of the Employees Association of the school - Member
11. Two [2] prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their profession to be chosen from those qualified in the Province with equal representation from the two (2) political Districts of the Province.

The Director General of the TESTA; the School Administrator; the Education Committee Chairmen of the Senate and the House of Representatives; the representative of the Department of Labor and Employment; the representative of the National Economic and Development Authority; the representative from the Department of Science and Technology shall have ex-officio terms of office while the rest of the members of the Board shall serve one [1] year except for the two [2] prominent citizens who shall serve for four [4] years.

SECTION 5. The TESDA in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education and the Department of Labor and Employment shall promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared state policies on education and other pertinent provisions of the Philippine Constitution on education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports, and shall formulate the curricula of the school in order to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. The charter, laws, rules and regulations governing ISCAF from which ICAT is hereby separated and converted into an independent school known as such is hereby adopted and shall govern ICAT except such provisions that do not conform to the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. All the assets, fixed and movable, personnel and records of ISCAF-ICAT as well as liabilities and obligations are hereby transferred to ICAT: Provided, however, that the positions, rights and security of tenure of personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to its separation and conversion shall not be impaired and the incumbent of the positions shall remain in the same status, until otherwise provided for by TESDA. All parcels of land belonging to the Government occupied by ICAT are hereby declared to be the property of ICAT and shall be titled under that name.

SECTION 8. The appropriations for ICAT in the budget of the ISCAF are hereby transferred to ICAT. Such additional amount as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be funded from the appropriations for the TESDA under the current Appropriation Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of ICAT shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 9. If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts not affected thereby shall continue to be valid and operational.

SECTION 10. All other laws, decrees, orders, circulars, issuances, rules and regulations and parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.