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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Basey National Agricultural School in the Municipality of Basey, Province of Samar into an agricultural college to be known as the Basey National Agricultural College.

The Basey National Agricultural School was established in 1971. Since then, it has been serving the agricultural education needs of the student population of a very large catch area – the agricultural-based municipalities of Basey, Sta. Rita, Pinabacdao and Hinabangan. However, most of its students are children of marginalized parents who could not afford to send them to pursue higher education in Tacloban City. Thus, these children do not pursue higher learning and, inevitably, join the ranks of the idle out-of-school youths who later become burdens of the community.

With proper governmental assistance, the Basey National Agricultural School can very well be converted into an agricultural college offering four-year degree courses. It has the physical facilities, building, equipment and human resources capable of providing higher technical, special and professional instructions in the field of agriculture and relevant to it.

It is hoped that with the passage of this bill, the young students will now, finally, have a chance to earn a college education and an opportunity to contribute to the upliftment of the economic conditions of the people in the area.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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**AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BASEY NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BASEY, PROVINCE OF SAMAR INTO AN
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BASEY NATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.**

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

SECTION 1. The Basey National Agricultural School in the Municipality of Basey, Province of Samar is hereby converted into an agricultural college to be known as the Basey National Agricultural College herein referred to as the College.

SECTION 2. The College shall primarily provide higher professional, technical and special instructions and shall promote research, extension services, advance studies and progressive leadership in agronomy, animal husbandry, entomology, plant pathology, botany, zoology and other fields relating to agricultural as may be relevant.

SECTION 3. The College shall be headed by a President to be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and shall hold office for a term of six (6) years without reappointment unless he reaches the age of retirement or is earlier removed for cause or incapacitated to discharge the duties of his office.

In case the vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death, resignation or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of his office or removal for cause, the Board shall have the authority to designate an officer-in-

charge of the College pending the appointment of a successor. The new President shall hold office for the unexpired term but in no case shall his term be more than six (6) years subject to the provision of the pending paragraph.

The salary of the President of the College shall be fixed by the Board and shall be comparable to that being received by the President of similar educational institution of like enrollment and standing.

SECTION 4. The governing body of the College is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees hereinafter referred to as the Board and which shall be composed of the following: Secretary of Education who shall be the ex-officio chairman of the board and the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the Director of Vocational Education, the President of the College as members. In the absence or inability of the Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary of Education shall act as ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees. When both Secretary and Undersecretary of Education are unable to exercise the powers of the Chairman of the Board, the other members of the Board may elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as chairman.

The members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursements for actual necessary expenses incurred in attendance upon meetings of the Board upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board subject to existing laws on honoraria and allowances.

SECTION 5. The Board of Trustees shall have all the powers of a Corporation set forth in the Corporation Law. It shall also have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration:

a) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums of money as may be provided by law for the support of the college:

b) To confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Botany, zoology and such other fields relating to agriculture: Provided, That it may confer the usual honorary degrees

upon any person in recognition of learning statesmanship, leadership, or eminence in agriculture:

c) To appoint, upon the recommendation of the College, instructors, professors, lecturers, and other employees of the College: to fix their compensation, hours of service and such other duties and conditions as may deemed proper: to grant them at its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it promulgate, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been conducted:

d) To approve the curricula, institutional programs and rules of discipline drawn by the administrative and academic Councils as herein provided:

e) To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as but not limited to matriculation fees, production fees, laboratory fees, and all special fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, and to remit the same:

f) To provide fellowship to qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students showing special evidence of merit:

g) To provide rules for its own government, and to enact, for the government of the College such general ordinances and regulations not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the College:

h) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the College or for aid to any student, in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, determine.

SECTION 6. A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time of the meeting. The Board shall convene regularly once every two (2) months. The Chairman of the Board may call a special meeting whenever necessary.

SECTION 7. On or before the fifteenth day of the second month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file with the office of the President of the Philippines through the secretary of Education Culture and Sports and to both Houses of Congress a detailed report on the progress, conditions needs of the College.

SECTION 8. There shall be an Administrative Council consisting of the President of the College, as Chairman, the deans, directors, and other officials of equal rank, whose duty is to implement the policies governing the administration, management and development planning of the College as approved by the Board.

SECTION 9. There shall be an Academic Council with the President of the College as Chairman and all members of the instructional staff with rank of not lower than assistant Professor as member. The Academic Council shall have the power to prescribe curricular offering subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the College as well as for graduation and the conferring of degrees subject to review and/or approval by the Board through the President of the College. It shall also have disciplinary power through the President over the students within the limits prescribed by the Rules of Discipline as approved by the Board.

SECTION 10. The body of the instructors and professors of the College shall constitute the faculty of the College. In the appointment of professors or instructors of the College, no religious test shall be applied nor shall religious opinions or affiliations of any of the faculty members be made a matter of examination or inquiry: Provided, however, that no instructor or professor in the college shall inculcate sectarian tenets in any of his teaching, nor shall he attempt, either directly or indirectly, under penalty of dismissal to influence students for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SECTION 11. Members of the faculty of the College shall be exempt from any civil service examination or regulation as a requisite for appointment.

SECTION 12. There shall be a Secretary of the College who shall be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the President of the College. The Secretary shall keep such records of the College as may be determined by the Board.

SECTION 13. The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be the *ex-officio* Treasurer of the College, and all accounts and expense of the College shall be audited by the Commission on Audit or his duly authorized representatives, and all disbursements shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission.

SECTION 14. Heads of Bureaus and offices of the national government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the President of the College such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by the College, and detail employees for duty thereto, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment, supplies or services of such employee can be spared without detriment to the public service. The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the President of the College, and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their regular service.

SECTION 15. The incumbent head of the Bases National Agricultural School, if qualified under the rules and regulations of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall be the officer-in-charge of the College pending the appointment of the President.

SECTION 16. All the assets, fixed and movable personnel and records of the Bases National Agricultural School as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the College: Provided, however, That the position, right and security of tenure of personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion of College are not impaired: Provided, further, That the incumbents of the positions shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided by the Board. All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Bases

National Agricultural School are hereby declared to be the property of the Basey National Agricultural College and shall be titled under that name: Provided, That should such parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the College, the same shall revert to the Province of Samar.

SECTION 17. The appropriation for the Basey National Agricultural School, except the sum necessary to continue the operations of the college. Such additional amount as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be funded from the appropriations for the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the College shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 18. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rule and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 19. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,