

**Republic of the Philippines
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House Bill No. **2989**

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

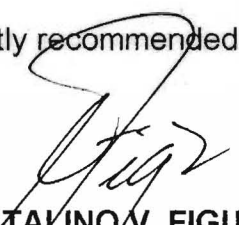
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Technology advancement will push the Philippines into a Newly-Industrialized Country (NIC) status. Strong advocates for the use of technology will enhance the people's science and technology attitudes and skills and be able to optimize productivity. In line with this, several programs have been formulated for the purpose of utilizing information technology to achieve the vision and goals of a technophile Philippines particularly people's empowerment and global competitiveness.

One feasible approach in empowering our people and make them globally competitive is to harness their technological abilities and skills. One area that is worth considering is to increase the level of computer literacy in the countryside in order to produce world-class experts. The idea of setting up a computer technology training center in the campuses of state universities and colleges is so important to achieve this goal.

Since Samar State University has been upgraded from a state college status, it is imperative that the said university must have its computer technology training center of its own. Catbalogan being the capital town of the Province of Samar, more students will be able to avail of the services of the said training center and be a contributor to the globalization process that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has been clamoring for.

Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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**AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH A COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER
AT THE SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

SECTION 1. A Computer Technology Training Center shall be established at the Samar State University in the Municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar

SECTION 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,