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Introduced by Honorable Renato J. Unico, Jr.

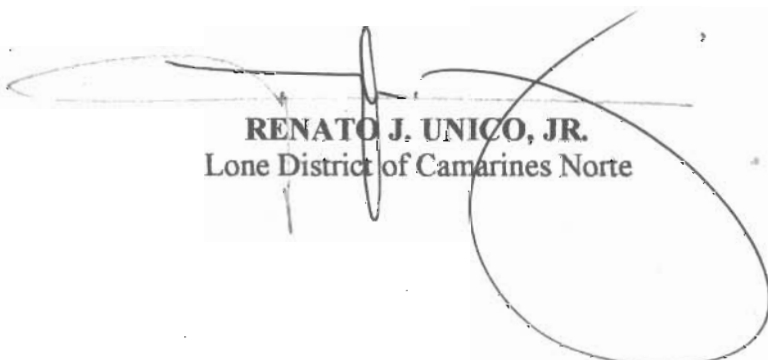
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution has recognized the importance of science and technology as an integral component to national development and progress (Cf. Section 10, Article XIV). In fact, it has particularly extended priority to education and science and technology to accelerate social progress and promote total human development. (Cf. Section 17, Article II)

In pursuance of these constitutional recognitions, this bill seeks to establish a Science and Technology Institute in Basud, Camarines Norte in response to the community's demand to address the problems of acute income inequality, severe underemployment and unemployment, including the want of practical skills, and illiteracy.

In a resolution dated 6 September 2004, the Sangguniang Bayan of Basud has requested the establishment of the Camarines Norte Institute of Science and Technology after its local government succeeded in the negotiation for the donation of a specific site for the Institute within the locality. This Institute is envisioned to primarily help the municipality of Basud alleviate poverty among its low-income residents, as well as those residing in the neighboring towns of Camarines Norte by providing a vehicle for meaningful technical and vocational training that can help develop a critical mass of competent and skilled manpower required by the agro-industrial, commercial and business sectors strategically located in the Bicol region and the CALABARZON area.

Accordingly, to help spur economic activity within such area, approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASUD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS CAMARINES NORTE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

SECTION 1. The Camarines Norte Institute of Science and Technology is hereby created in Basud, Camarines Norte, referred here as the Institute.

SEC. 2. The Institute shall primarily provide technological-vocational courses and training, as well as applicable non-degree science courses, consistent with the goals for local, regional and national development needs for trained manpower. It shall likewise promote research and development in the various disciplines and areas of specialization under it.

SEC. 3. No student shall be denied admission to the Institute by reason of sex, ethnic consideration, or religious belief or affiliation.

SEC. 4. The Institute shall be under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and shall be headed by a vocational school superintendent.

SEC. 5. The vocational school superintendent shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To recommend appropriation to TESDA through its regional office for the operation and maintenance of the Institute;
- (b) To recommend the confirmation of certificates and diplomas to successful candidates for graduation on all technical-vocational and other non-degree science courses;
- (d) To recommend appointments submitted by the screening committee to the regional office;
- (e) To recommend the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the department heads and supervisors;
- (f) To provide scholarships to faculty and staff, showing special evidence on merit; and
- (e) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the Institute or of the departments, or for aid to any student or students in accordance with the direction and instruction of the donor or in such other manner as the superintendent may determine, subject to budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. The faculty and other personnel of the Institute shall be governed by Civil Service law, rules and regulations.

SEC. 7. The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be provided in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law. Thereafter, such sums, as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Institute, shall be included in subsequent General Appropriations Acts.

SEC. 8. Fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the Institute shall constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank, and all interests that shall accrue from it shall form part of the same funds for the use of the Institute.

SEC. 9. The income generated by the Institute may, at its discretion, be disbursed for the professional growth and development, health, welfare and other similar benefits of the faculty members and personnel, for extension and student welfare expenses so that the flexibility on the use of income shall be focused on faculty, personnel improvement and student welfare activities and for expenses necessary for attainment of the purposes of this act.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved,