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HOUSE BILL NO. 1805



Introduced by **HONORABLE ANDRES D. SALVACION JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the external campus of the Leyte Normal University in San Isidro, Leyte into a satellite campus to be known as the Leyte Normal University — San Isidro Branch.

The external campus in San Isidro, Leyte was established in the year 2000 through the collaborative efforts of the Leyte Normal University and the Municipality of San Isidro to provide quality, accessible and affordable education not just to the people of San Isidro but also its neighboring municipalities.

Under the memorandum of agreement executed between the parties, the university shall collect tuition and matriculation fees and pay for the teachers' salaries while the local government of San Isidro will provide the facilities, equipment and supplies, maintenance and operating expenses and salaries of the complement personnel of the external campus.

Due to the gradual depletion of the budgetary allotment of the Leyte Normal University, however, the subsidy being provided to the external campus has become insufficient for the remuneration of its teachers. It will be a misfortune if the external campus will be gradually phased-out considering that since its establishment it has produced more than a hundred graduates of education degree and has attained a respectable average passing rate in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET).

Thus, the conversion of the external campus in San Isidro, Leyte into a branch of the Leyte Normal University will give hope to the youth in the Province of Leyte who seeks to pursue their tertiary education without the need to travel to the main campus. Further, the duty of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all will also be addressed.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTERNAL CAMPUS OF THE LEYTE NORMAL UNIVERSITY
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO A BRANCH
OF THE LEYTE NORMAL UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE LEYTE NORMAL
UNIVERSITY—SAN ISIDRO BRANCH, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. **Conversion.** – The External Campus of the Leyte Normal University in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Leyte is hereby converted into a branch of the Leyte Normal University to be known as the Leyte Normal University—San Isidro Branch.

SEC. 2. **Objectives.** – The Leyte Normal University—San Isidro Branch shall provide quality and affordable higher education in the fields of teacher education, arts and sciences, and management and entrepreneurship and other related fields of study. It shall develop and provide quality and relevant technology and academic, research and extension programs responsive to the local, national and global development needs.

SEC. 3. **Curricular Offerings.** – The Leyte Normal University—San Isidro Branch shall continue to offer the same courses being offered prior to the conversion of the external campus into a branch of the Leyte Normal University, and other relevant courses within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities as

the Board of Regents of the Leyte Normal University may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly to meet the needs of the Province of Leyte.

SEC. 4. **Administration.** – The administration of the Leyte Normal University–San Isidro Branch shall be vested in the President and the Board of Regents of the said University.

The Board of Regents of the Leyte Normal University shall have the full authority to determine the organizational structure, academic, research and extension programs, the qualifications and number of academic personnel, enrollment, and such other matters related to the administration and operation of the Leyte Normal University–San Isidro Branch.

SEC. 5. **Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.** – The ownership of the existing infrastructure, facilities, equipment and materials, as well as liabilities or obligations of the external campus, shall be transferred to the Leyte Normal University through a Deed of Donation to be executed by the Municipality of San Isidro. The positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws, prior to the conversion under this Act, shall be respected.

The parcel of land belonging to the government and occupied by the Leyte Normal University–San Isidro Branch is hereby declared to be property of the Leyte Normal University, and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That should the Leyte Normal University–San Isidro Branch cease to exist or be abolished or should said parcel of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the Municipality of San Isidro.

SEC. 6. **Implementation.** – The Board of Regents of the Leyte Normal University, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), is hereby authorized to formulate rules, regulations and guidelines to fully implement the provisions of this Act, not later than the opening of the next school year following the approval of this Act.

SEC. 7. **Report.** – Within three (3) months after the enactment of this Act, the Board of Regents of the Leyte Normal University shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines through the Chairperson of the CHED, and with both Houses of Congress a detailed report on the actions it has taken pursuant hereto.

SEC. 8. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to initially implement provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's funding provided by the Local Government Unit (LGU) concerned. The concerned LGU shall continue to provide assistance to the Leyte Normal University–San Isidro Branch corresponding to the funding given to the External Campus of the Leyte Normal University until such time that the full funding requirement of the Leyte Normal University–San Isidro Branch is included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. **Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. **Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,