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HOUSE BILL NO. 4103



Introduced by Hon. Giorgidi B. Aggabao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sect6ion 2, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides, in part, that *"The State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relative to the needs of the people and society."*

This bill sees to convert the Southern Isabela College of Arts and Trade (SICAT) in Santiago City, Isabela into a polytechnic college to be known as the Southern Isabela Polytechnic College.

SICAT, as a recipient of the Technical Education and Skills Development Project (TESDP) has its Distinctive Area of Competence (DAC) in automotive service technician course. It is one among the country's twenty-five (25) pilot institutions which were identified as Center of Excellence (CentEx). In Region 2, it serves as one of the two assessment centers in other trade areas. The institution's training modality is the dualized training system (DTS) where knowledge and skills are obtained both in school and the on-the-job training in the existing industry's establishments. Its instructional mechanisms include modularized delivery enhanced with lecture, practical exercises, simulation, use of multi-media, project-based instruction and Supervised Industry Training (STI).

SICAT takes pride in its personnel for their consistent delivery of quality programs and services, active involvement in the school's policy making and their adherence to the value of dedication to public service, hardwork, discipline and frugality.

The conversion of SICAT into a Polytechnic College will widen its curriculum and address the needs of the student population for a quality education.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE SOUTHERN ISABELA COLLEGE OF ARTS
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A POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN ISABELA
POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE**

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

Section 1. The Southern Isabela College of Arts and Trades in Santiago City is hereby converted into a polytechnic college to be known as the Southern Isabela Polytechnic College.

SEC. 2. The College, in addition to its present secondary offerings, shall primarily provide higher technological, professional and vocational instructions and training in sciences, agricultural and industrial fields, as well as short-term technical and vocational courses, subject to the policies and standards of the Commission on Higher Education.

Section 3. No student shall be denied admission to the College because of sex, ethnic considerations and religious belief or affiliation.

Section 4. The College shall be under the administrative and supervisory control of the Commission on Higher Education.

Section 5. All personnel, records, appropriations, obligations and fixed or moveable assets of the Southern Isabela College of Arts and Trades are hereby transferred to the Southern Isabela Polytechnic College.

Section 6. The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, in coordination with the Secretary of Education, shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the initial implementation of this Act.

Section 7. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Southern Isabela College of Arts and Trades (SICAT). Thereafter, such as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 8. All law, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.