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HOUSE BILL NO. 4480

Introduced by REP. ANTHONY G. DEL ROSARIO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to transfer the University of Southeastern Philippines- Apokon campus located in Barangay Apokon, Tagum City, Province of Davao del Norte, a satellite campus of the University of Southeastern Philippines and integrate the same to the Davao del Norte State College to be known as the Davao del Norte State College-Apokon campus.

Then known as the Davao Regional Agricultural School, this learning institution thru Batas Pambansa Blg. 12, or the charter establishing the University of Southern Philippines was one of the four learning institutions integrated to constitute the first university in Davao Region.

The Davao del Norte State College on the other hand started as Davao del Norte School of Fisheries in the Municipality (now City) of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte thru Republic Act 5876. However, Republic Act 7879 was enacted and converted the said school into what is now known as the Davao del Norte State College.

On account of its geographical proximity, it would be more practical to merge these learning establishments to improve the efficiency and ample delivery of academic programs in these institutions of higher learning. Such strategy will bring about a significant change in the way the budget for these institutions will be supervised and utilized equitably to the benefit of those who seek higher education in this jurisdiction. The integration of the University of Southeastern Philippines-Apokon campus to the Davao del Norte State College will bring about an expeditious realization of common goals of improving the quality of education in these areas. In taking this course, the academic standards will be broadened and enhanced institutional identity will greatly improve teaching quality and academic performance.

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


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AN ACT

SEPARATING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES- APOKON CAMPUS IN BARANGAY APOKON, TAGUM CITY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES, AND INTEGRATING IT TO THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE IN BARANGAY NEW VISAYAS, PANABO CITY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE-APOKON CAMPUS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7879, OR THE CHARTER OF THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE AND BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 12, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES."

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

SECTION 1. The Title of Republic Act No. 7879 is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAVAO REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO, INTO A STATE COLLEGE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE, AND INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES- APOKON CAMPUS, AS A SATELLITE CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF."

SECTION 2. Section 1 of Republic Act 7879 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"SEC.1. THE APOKON CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES, IN BARANGAY APOKON, TAGUM CITY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE IS HEREBY SEPARATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES (USEP), AND ITS JURISDICTION TRANSFERRED TO THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE, IN BARANGAY NEW VISAYAS, PANABO CITY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE-APOKON CAMPUS.

SECTION 3. Section 19 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 19. Assets, Liabilities and Personnel. – All assets, fixed and movable, personnel and records of the USEP, as well as its liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the Davao Del Norte State College: *Provided*, That the positions, rights and security of tenure of personnel employed therein under existing laws prior to absorption by the Davao National State College are not impaired: *Provided further*, That the incumbent holders of the various positions therein shall retain their status until otherwise provided for by the Board.

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SECTION 4. Appropriations.

SEC. 23 Appropriations.- The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the USEP. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the campus shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5.Repealing Clause– All provisions of law, decrees, executive orders, including rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC.6. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,