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HOUSE BILL NO. **5344**



Introduced by HONORABLE GERALD ANTHONY V. GULLAS, JR.

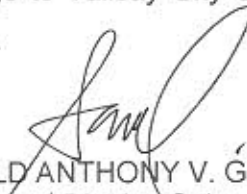
EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the mandate of the State to give higher premium to education. Thus, on the 4th of June 2013, Republic Act No. 10594 establishing a state college in the City of Talisay, Cebu was enacted.

The title of the aforementioned law is "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR". The true intention of the law is to convert the Talisay City College, an existing local college, into a State College. In order, to give the true essence of the law and avoid any confusion as to whether RA No. 10594 is an establishment or a conversion law, this bill seeks to clarify, by way of amendment, that RA No. 10592 is a conversion law.

In addition, Section 24 of RA NO. 10594 provides for the compliance with the Commission On Higher Education (CHED) requirements. However, the CHED requirements as detailed in Sec. 24 apply only to the establishment of a state university or conversion of a state college to a state university. This is clarified in a June 20, 2013 press statement by Chairperson Patricia B. Licuanan, Ph.D. of the Commission on Higher Education.

This bill seeks to clarify confusion, settle all uncertainties and avoid controversies that may arise in the conversion of the Talisay City College to Talisay City State College. Thus, immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10594 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR".

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10594 is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT. – THE EXISTING TALISAY CITY COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU SHALL BE CONVERTED INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE."

Section 2. Section 24 of Republic Act No. 10594 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"SEC. 24. **Compliance with CHED Requirements.** – The provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the establishment or conversion of the institution into a State college shall become effective only upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel of experts, that the institution has complied with the requirements for state college. The CHED, through its regional office, shall regularly provide technical assistance to the institution and monitor compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

The CHED shall designate a panel of experts who shall prepare a recommendation to the Chairperson of the CHED, on whether the institution has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of college status.

The following are the operational requirements for a college:

a) [Level III accreditation or equivalent under CHED policies for at least four (4) of its undergraduate programs, one (1) in liberal arts and one (1) in the sciences and two (2) of its graduate programs] APPROPRIATE OR EQUIVALENT ACCREDITATION UNDER CHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR COLLEGES;

- b) Ratio of qualified full-time faculty with requisite degree to number of students;
- c) Adequate library and laboratories;
- d) Research and development output of practical and commercial application to the community;
- e) Relevant linkages and outreach programs that are of service to the community; and
- f) Relevant academic policies, systems and processes.

The institution shall retain its status prior to the effectivity of this Act, unless in the meantime it is able to comply with the requirements provided herein, within a period not exceeding January 1, [2016] 2018."

Section 3. Effectivity. - This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *official gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,