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House Bill No. **6326**



Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
1ST District, Surigao del Norte (*Siargao Island*)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10600 was legislated on June 4, 2013 establishing the Surigao del Norte State University (SNSU) in the Province of Surigao del Norte by integrating the three colleges in the province namely, the Surigao State College of Technology in Surigao City, the Siargao National College of Science and Technology in the Municipality of del Carmen, Siargao Island and the Surigao del Norte College of Agriculture and Technology in the Municipality of Mainit.

However, the said enactment was provisional as Section 25 of this law states that the establishment of the SNSU shall become effective only upon the determination and declaration by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) that the institution has complied with the requirements for a university status. Further, the state college was given only until January 1, 2016 to comply with the operational requirements.

Within the two-year period given to the school after the enactment of the said law, the three colleges to be integrated into SNSU invested significantly in both time and resources just to meet the requirements and conditions of Section 25 of this law. According to the report submitted to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on the status of conversion, the colleges to be integrated into SNSU were able to comply with most of the requirements except for two (i.e. (a) *ratio of qualified full-time faculty with requisite degrees to number of students* and (b) *adequate library and laboratories*) that are still in the process of being completed. But since the deadline of January 1, 2016 is fast approaching, the Committee recommends that an amendatory bill to R.A. 10600 be filed in order to extend the deadline to January 1, 2018.

This amendment will give ample time to the said colleges to substantially comply with the CHED requirements so as not to waste the time and resources invested in it. Having a university that integrates the three colleges found in the city (main campus), mainland (Mainit Campus) and island municipality (Siargao Campus) is expected to address the need for quality college education in the province.

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



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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10600 ENTITLED, "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE BY INTEGRATING THE SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SURIGAO CITY, THE SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN AND THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" THEREBY EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR CONVERSION TO JANUARY 1, 2018

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 25 of Republic Act. No. 10600 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

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4 "Section 25. Compliance with CHED Requirements. – xxx

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10 "The institution shall retain its status prior to the effectivity of this
11 Act, unless in the meantime it is able to comply with the requirements
12 provided herein, within a period not [exceeding] **LATER THAN** January
13 1, [2016] **2018**
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1 **SECTION 2.** All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and
2 regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby
3 amended, repealed or modified accordingly.
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5 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication
6 in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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8 Approved,