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HOUSE BILL NO. 5119



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Universityhood among higher educational institutions (HEIs) is vital in realizing and maximizing their roles in providing advanced education and learning, higher technological and professional instruction and training in various fields of interest and expertise.

Conversion to a university would also entail prospective avenue for HEIs to provide intensive and collaborative researches and technological innovation benefiting not just the students, but the society and the country at large. This would afford the HEIs additional appropriations and prioritization from the government.

In this accord, in aspiring to be a premier state university, it takes not just the compliance of the basic and mandatory requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), but also through the strong endorsement of the proponent of a bill.

Thus, this bill seeks to provide a strong and committed legislative agenda to foster the status of Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges (CSPC) in becoming the Polytechnic University of Bicol.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES
(CSPC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NABUA, PROVINCE OF
CAMARINES SUR, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS
THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF BICOL

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion.* – The present Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges (CSPC) in the Municipality of Nabua, Province of Camarines Sur, shall be converted into a state university to be known as the Polytechnic University of Bicol (PUB). Hence, this Act shall be known as the “Polytechnic University of Bicol Act of 2017”.

SECTION 2. *General Mandate.* – The University shall primarily provide highly technical and quality professional education through ladderized curricula in the fields of trade and technology, arts and sciences, generating technology, and

initiating sustainable community development efforts in accord with the university's mandates.

SECTION 3. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.* – The University shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy as per Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines.

SECTION 4. *Curricular Offerings.* The University shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of trades and technology, arts and sciences, and other courses within the areas of specialization, and according to its capabilities as the Board may deem necessary to carry out its mandates, particularly in meeting the needs of the Province of Camarines Sur and the entire Bicol Region and nearby provinces.

SECTION 5. *Administration.* – The administration of the university and other powers shall be vested exclusively in the university's President and Board of Regents.

SECTION 6. *The Governing Board.* – The Board of Regents shall be the governing body, to perform various functions vital for the realization of the university's mandates.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to realize the provisions in this Act shall be charged from the current year's appropriations and thereafter, such amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. *Parity Clause.* – All other powers, functions and privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state universities and their officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials, whenever appropriate.

SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulation.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board of Regents, upon consultation with the CHED,

shall formulate the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity.* – This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.