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HOUSE BILL NO. 8229



INTRODUCED BY REP. HENRY C. ONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 2004 Republic Act No. 9311 otherwise known as "An Act Converting the Leyte Institute of Technology (LIT) in the Province of Leyte into a State University to be known as the Eastern Visayas State University and Appropriating Funds Therefor" created the Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU).

Section 2 of R.A. No. 9311 provides that the general mandate of EVSU is to provide advanced education, higher technological professional instruction and training in trade, fishery, agriculture, forestry, science, education, commerce, architecture, engineering and related courses. It shall also undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization. The main campus of EVSU is in Tacloban City, Leyte and maintains campuses in Burauen, Carigara, Ormoc, Tanauan and Dulag, Leyte.

History of the inception of the EVSU Dulag Campus would reveal that on June 5, 2000, a Memorandum of Agreement was executed between the Local Government of Dulag, the 2nd Congressional District of Leyte, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports Regional Office No. 8 and the Leyte Institute of Technology to jointly extend full cooperation for the effective and efficient implementation of the LIT-Dulag Campus, Dulag, Leyte.

This bill seeks to integrate the EVSU – Dulag Campus into a branch of the Eastern Visayas State University. The integration of the EVSU – Dulag Campus as a branch of the Eastern Visayas State University would be greatly beneficial not only to the students, faculty and staff of the campus but all those who seek quality and affordable education in the 2nd District of Leyte.

It is for these reasons that passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT INCLUDING THE EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY – DULAG CAMPUS AS A REGULAR CAMPUS OF EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9311 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT CONVERTING THE LEYTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (LIT) IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

Section 1. Conversion. – The Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU)-Dulag Campus in the Municipality of Dulag, Province of Leyte is hereby included as a regular campus of the Eastern Visayas State University to be known as Eastern Visayas State University – Dulag Campus.

Section 2. Curricular Offerings. – The EVSU- Dulag Campus shall offer undergraduate and graduate and short-term courses and other related and relevant fields of study within its areas of specialization to meet the needs of the province and of the region.

Section 3. Board of Regents. – The governance of the EVSU- Dulag Campus shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents (BOR) created under Republic Act No. 9311, otherwise known as “An Act Converting the Leyte Institute of Technology (LIT) in the Province of Leyte into a State University to be known as the Eastern Visayas State University and Appropriating Funds Therefor” and Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”. All policies, rules and regulations approved by the EVSU- BOR shall be applied to EVSU- Dulag Campus.

Section 4. Assets, Liabilities and Personnel. – All real and personal properties and assets, personnel, and records of the EVSU- Dulag Campus, including all its obligations and liabilities, positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws are hereby transferred to the EVSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the EVSU- Dulag Campus in the Municipality of Dulag are hereby declared to be property of EVSU, and shall be titled under that name: Provided, that should EVSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the Local Government Units concerned.

Section 5. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's funding of the EVSU- Dulag Campus provided by the Municipality of Dulag, Province of Leyte.

The Municipality of Dulag shall continue to provide the same assistance until such time that the sums necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of EVSU- Dulag Campus is included in the General Appropriations Act as provided in Section 19 of R.A. No. 9311.

Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The EVSU BOR, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education, shall formulate the guidelines to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Approved,