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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8124



Introduced by **HON. JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the existing Cagayan State University – Iriga Extension, located in the Municipality of Solana, Province of Cagayan into a regular campus of the Cagayan State University (CSU).

The establishment of the CSU Extension Campus was impelled to address the dire situation of the youths in the northern barangays of the municipality of Solana, western part of the municipality of Amulung, and nearby areas of Piat and Alcala, province of Cagayan. The nearest public college then is in Tuguegarao City, and in sending a child to college, one must also be prepared to spend on increasing daily transportation expenses and board and lodging. And during these trying times when their financial situation is uncertain, most families prioritize putting food on the table rather than send their youths to college.

With this in mind, and to ensure a brighter future for the youth in the said areas, upon assumption in office last July 2019, the undersigned immediately coordinated with the Cagayan State University on how we can help our constituents. With the goal of providing opportunity for more students to go to college and determination to unburden parents of the added financial worries, the establishment of the CSU – Iriga Extension came into fruition last February 2020.

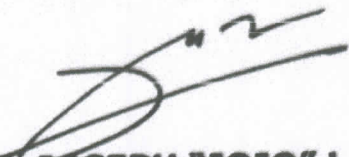
Needless to state, therefore, that the establishment of the CSU Campus Extension was envisioned to open doors to the youth who otherwise would not be able to go to college and give them a shot at a better future.

The CSU-Iriga Extension specializes in brooding and rearing of fish species and offers academic programs in Teacher Education, Agriculture, Fisheries, Information and Computer Sciences, and Criminology. The Extension Campus currently has 135 enrolled students for the 1st semester of academic year 2020-2021.

Necessary infrastructure needed for the Extension Campus' operations are currently being constructed and are expected to be finished early next year.

Converting the Iraga Extension into a regular campus will increase its capacity to cater more students, increase opportunities and provide the necessary funding to further develop its personnel and infrastructure.

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



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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) LOCATED IN IRAGA, MUNICIPALITY OF SOLANA, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CSU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1436 SERIES OF 1978, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Cagayan State University – Iraga, Solana Campus Act."

SECTION 2. The Extension Campus of the Cagayan State University (CSU) located in Barangay Iraga, Municipality of Solana, Province of Cagayan is hereby converted into a regular campus of the CSU, to be known as the CSU – Iraga, Solana Campus.

SECTION 3. The CSU – Iraga, Solana Campus, shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within their areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the CSU, and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to meet the human resources development needs of the Province of Cagayan and the entire Region II. The Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, specialize in brooding and rearing of fish species and to provide progressive leadership in the area.

SECTION 4. The governance of the Campus shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents of the CSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

SECTION 5. The CSU President shall exercise overall supervision and management of the campus. The campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and is appointed or designated by the Board, upon the recommendation of the Search Committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.

SECTION 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the CSU – Iragá Extension Campus located in the Municipality of Solana, Province of Cagayan, as well as liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the CSU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to their conversion into regular campuses shall be respected.

All parcels of land, donated or purchased, occupied by the CSU-Iragá Campus are hereby transferred to the CSU, and shall be titled under its name: Provided, that should the campus or the CSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the CSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SECTION 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). The CSU Main Campus shall provide the same financial support to the extension campus until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the campus shall be included in the annual GAA.

SECTION 8. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1436, series of 1978, entitled "Merging the Cagayan Valley College of Arts and Trades and Northern Luzon College of Agriculture into a State University to be Known as the Cagayan State University, Transferring the College Level Courses of Aparri College of Fisheries, Bukig National Agricultural and Technical School, Cagayan Valley Agricultural Colleges, Sanches-Mira Rural Vocational School, Aparri School of Arts and Trades, Gonzaga National Agricultural Vocational School, and Western Cagayan School of Arts and Trades into said University, Providing a Charter for this Purpose, and Appropriating Funds Therefor, as amended by Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" is hereby amended to include Iragá, Solana Campus as one of the campuses of CSU.

SECTION 9. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,