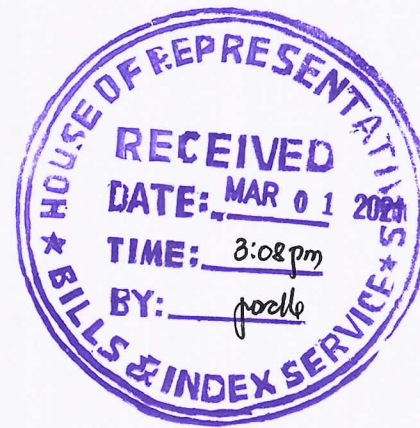




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House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8833



Introduced by Representative Lorna Bautista-Bandigan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reinstate the original staffing pattern of Southern Philippines Agri-Business, Marine and Aquatic School of Technology in the Municipality of Malita, Davao Occidental by amending Republic Act (RA) No. 11220, entitled *“An Act Separating the Southern Philippines Agri-Business, Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST)-Digos City Campus in the City of Digos, Davao del Sur, from the SPAMAST in the Municipality of Malita, Davao Occidental, and Converting it into a State College to be Known as the Davao del Sur State College, and Appropriating Funds Therefor.”*

RA 11220 was enacted on February 21, 2019 which converted the Southern Philippines Agri-Business, Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST)-Digos City Campus into a state college, known as the Davao del Sur State College, the first state-funded college in the Province of Davao del Sur. Integrating with the SPAMAST-Digos City Campus in Digos City are the SPAMAST Laboratory and Production Campus in the Municipality of Matanao, the SPAMAST Extension Classes in Barangay Kapatagan, Digos City, and the SPAMAST Extension Campus in the Municipality of Sulop, all in the Province of Davao del Sur.

The SPAMAST is an institution of higher learning which provides professional training in education, agriculture, fisheries, science and technology, agribusiness, information technology, and other related disciplines. Through the years, SPAMAST has proven its capacity in delivering quality education, participating in various research and extension undertakings, and producing quality graduates, making it one of the leading state colleges in Southern Mindanao.

The SPAMAST was recognized by the Government Quality Management Committee for successfully establishing a Quality Management System certified to ISO-9001 standards as part of a government-wide quality management program.

Under Section 20 of RA 11220, all real and personal assets, personnel, and records of the SPAMAST-Digos City Campus in Digos City, the SPAMAST Laboratory and Production Campus in the Municipality of Matanao, the SPAMAST Extension Classes in Barangay Kapatagan, Digos City, and the SPAMAST Extension Campus in the Municipality of Sulop are transferred to the Davao del Sur State College (DSSC), except for the administrative positions which were originally created for SPAMAST by virtue of Batas Pambansa Blg. 651. As a result, 71 faculty plantilla positions were transferred from SPAMAST to DSSC. Although some faculty positions or items were recalled, the transfer of personnel has greatly affected the operation of SPAMAST as a state college and in providing education and research, in terms of necessary workloads, to meet the growing number of the SPAMAST enrollees.

This bill proposes to reinstate the original staffing pattern of the SPAMAST by amending RA 11220.

Reinstating the original staffing pattern of SPAMAST is necessary to continue providing quality tertiary education. It will enable SPAMAST to effectively respond to the increasing demands and number of its students and maintain its level III status as a state college. It will further help become a leading research center for agriculture, mining, and fisheries as in the province.

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



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AN ACT

REINSTATING THE ORIGINAL STAFFING PATTERN OF THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AGRI-BUSINESS, MARINE AND AQUATIC SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11220, ENTITLED “AN ACT SEPARATING THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AGRI-BUSINESS, MARINE AND AQUATIC SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY (SPAMAST)-DIGOS CITY CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR, FROM THE SPAMAST IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL, AND CONVERTING IT INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL SUR 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 20 of Republic Act No. 11220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 20. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.* – All assets, real and personal, [~~personnel~~,] and records of the SPAMAST-Digos City Campus, the SPAMAST Laboratory and Production Campus in the Municipality of Matanao, the SPAMAST Extension Classes in Barangay Kapatagan,

Digos City, and the SPAMAST Extension Campus in the Municipality of Sulop, as well as the liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the College. ~~[The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a College shall be respected:]~~ [Provided, That] **THE** resources and assets be divided in accordance with maintaining compliance to the policies, standards and guidelines in all programs having Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) and the present level of program accreditation.

~~[Administrative]~~ ALL EXISTING PLANTILLA positions IN THE SPAMAST INCLUDING THOSE IN THE SPAMAST-DIGOS CITY CAMPUS, THE SPAMAST LABORATORY AND PRODUCTION CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATANAO, THE SPAMAST EXTENSION CLASSES IN BARANGAY KAPATAGAN, DIGOS CITY, AND THE SPAMAST EXTENSION CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULOP, PRIOR TO THEIR CONVERSION INTO A COLLEGE, AND THOSE POSITIONS created originally upon the establishment of the SPAMAST under Batas Pambansa Blg. 651 shall be retained in the SPAMAST. ~~[Administrative]~~ NEW PLANTILLA positions shall be created for the Davao del Sur State College.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the SPAMAST-Digos City Campus are hereby declared to be property of the

College and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That should the College cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the College, the same shall revert to the local government. ”

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved