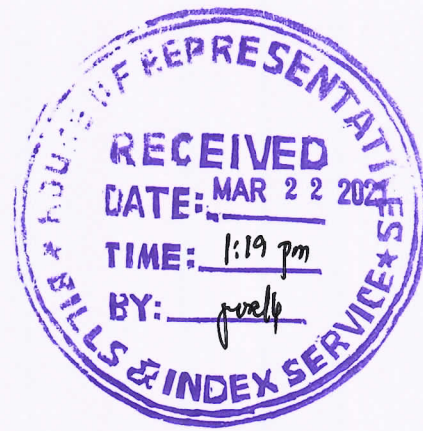


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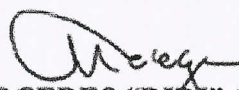
EXPLANATORY NOTE

On February 21, 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law Republic Act No. 11220 which separated 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 converted it into a State College to be known as the Davao del Sur State College (DSSC).

The first in the province, the DSSC is a public higher educational institution known for its agricultural program and offers undergraduate courses in the areas of business, governance, teacher education, information technology, and engineering technology. The DSSC-Institute of Graduate Studies also offers graduate programs in education and business administration. Since its inception, the State College has helped the less fortunate but deserving students in the province who cannot afford private higher education. Its creation addresses the need for access to quality and affordable education, and prepares the youth of Davao Del Sur to become partners in nation building.

This bill seeks to declare February 21 of every year as a special working holiday for the DSSC to enable its administrators, teachers, and students to fully participate in the activities commemorating the day that the first State College in Davao Del Sur was established.

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


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

SECTION 1. February 21 of every year is hereby declared a special working in the Davao Del Sur State College in the City of Digos, Province of Davao Del Sur in commemoration of its foundation anniversary.

SEC. 2. For work performed on a special working holiday, an employee is entitled to his/her regular wage.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,