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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9823



Introduced by **Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SAN JUAN CAMPUS AND CABUGAO CAMPUS OF THE ILOCOS SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE (ISPSC) IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN JUAN AND CABUGAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "(t)he State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

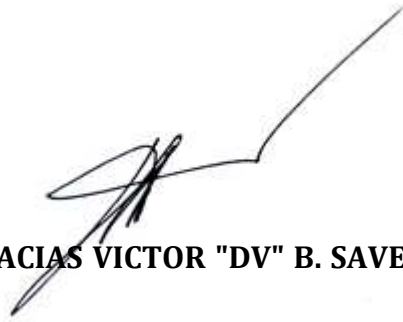
The enactment of Republic Act No. 8547 has paved the way for Ilocos Sur Polytechnic College (ISPC) to be converted into Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC). This Charter of ISPSC has provided its necessary institutional transformation to catalyze development in the province of Ilocos Sur. At present, ISPSC has six (6) campuses of higher learning that are mandated to provide professional and technical training in various fields deemed necessary to achieve its vision of "*(a) vibrant and nurturing Polytechnic Service College for transforming lives and communities.*"

This proposed bill seeks to establish the San Juan Campus and Cabugao Campus of ISPSC, strategically located in the first legislative district of Ilocos Sur. This will strengthen the institutional capacity of ISPSC in providing quality and accessible tertiary education, along with research centers that will enrich access to relevant information on critical areas of development. Concomitantly, this will increase the resources available in materializing the constitutional mandate of making education accessible to all.

The additional campuses will bolster ISPSC's mandate and provide greater accessibility to future enrollees within Ilocos Sur and neighboring provinces. Once passed into law, we will affirm the dreams and aspirations of the future heroes of our nations.

This proposed measure is an investment for the future. Our gesture of giving hope to the youth provides utmost importance to education, bringing it closer to them.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly requested.

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

SEC. 1. Creation of the Campuses. There are hereby created campuses of the Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College in the Municipalities of San Juan and Cabugao, province of Ilocos Sur, hereinafter referred to as "Campuses."

SEC. 2. General Mandate. The Campuses shall primarily provide advanced education, higher professional and technological instruction, technical and vocational education, and training in humanities, the sciences, and the arts, particularly along with the areas of agriculture, education, business and entrepreneurship, engineering, and other related courses. It shall also promote and undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings. The San Juan Campus shall primarily offer Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Textile Engineering, and other Degree Programs identified by the Regional Development Council as priority needs of the province and the Region. The Cabugao Campus shall likewise offer Bachelor of Science in Agro-Forestry and other Degree Programs identified by the Regional Development Council as priority needs of the province and the Region.

SEC. 4. Administration. The campuses shall each be headed by an Administrator or its equivalent position in the present structure of ISPSC. The Administrator shall be responsible for the general supervision and accountable for the operation of the Campuses.

SEC. 5. Applicability of Policies. All existing policies of ISPSC shall be adopted in the campuses.

SEC. 6. The Faculty. - There is hereby created a Faculty for the programs to be offered in the campuses. It shall be composed of competent and well-trained individuals who have gained expertise in their respective fields and whose salary shall be in accordance with the existing laws and policies established by the Department of Budget and Management and the Commission on Higher Education. *Provided*, that the appointment of Faculty shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the appropriate governing offices.

SEC. 7. Scholarship Programs/Admission. - The Campuses shall provide scholarship and other affirmative action programs to assist needy but deserving students who qualify for admission to the College.

No student shall be denied admission by reason of gender, religion, cultural or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.

SEC. 8. Assets and Personnel. The Municipality of San Juan and Municipality of Cabugao shall provide the parcel of the lot needed for the establishment of the Campuses. The Personnel required for the operation of the Campuses shall be hired in accordance with the existing policies, and the College shall accordingly upgrade or increase the human resource component of the campuses as may be deemed appropriate.

SEC 9. Establishment of Research Centers. In order to effectively carry out its mandate, there are hereby created Research Centers, to wit:

- a. Forest Advancement and Resources Management Research Center. The center shall focus on the protection and preservation, as well as the creation of research-based policies for the conservation of local flora and other forest resources;
- b. Animal Research Center. This center shall focus on the generation of knowledge and technologies that will promote an effective generation and management of veterinary resources.
- c. Textile Innovation Research Center. This center shall focus on the development and innovation of raw materials needed in the Textile Industry.

Whenever necessary, the campuses shall create Consortia to promote a broader scope of operation and ensure a more extensive community of beneficiaries of the research centers herein created.

SEC. 10. Compliance with CHED Requirements. The Commission shall evaluate all curricular programs offered in the Campuses on Higher Education to comply with the minimum standards set for such programs.

SEC. 11. Appropriations. – There is hereby appropriated the sum of Two Hundred million pesos (Php200,000,000.00) for the initial operation of the two campuses and the initial operation of the Research Centers. Thereafter, the amount needed to carry out the operation of the campuses shall be included in the annual appropriations of ISPSC.

SEC. 12. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 13. Separability Clause. - 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.

SEC. 14. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,