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HOUSE BILL NO. 469



Introduced by JANICE Z. SALIMBANGON

AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY INTO SATELLITE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDELLIN, IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a very important factor in determining the level of growth and development of a nation. A nation with high number of fully educated individuals are more likely to contribute and bring economic growth. Much of this is the rationale behind the national government's commitment to providing accessible and quality education to those who seek it, most especially those who are underprivileged.

To fully realize this aspiration, satellite campuses of state universities and colleges (SUCs) are often established to serve the educational needs of the more remote areas in the province where SUCs are located. They provide the tertiary education for students who would have no other means to obtain their higher education.

The Cebu Normal University Medellin Extension Campus (CNU – Medellin Extension Campus) was established to carry out the vision of becoming the national education center, and to provide access to quality tertiary education in the northern Cebu. Currently, it serves not only the municipality of Medellin, but also the neighboring towns of Daanbantayan, Bantayan, San Remigio, Madridejos, Sta. Fe, and Bogu City. Since the year it was established in 2008, a considerable number of students had graduated from the halls of CNU Medellin Extension Campus. And every school year, the number of enrollees is increasing, with current enrollment of 770 students. Currently, CNU Medellin Extension Campus offers Bachelor of Elementary Education – General Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education – English, Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management – Sustainable Tourism Management, and Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management – Travel and Hospitality Services Management.

State universities, such as CNU Medellin, has always been the number one choice of the marginalized to get their education from, because of the free and subsidized

tuition, proximity to their places, and the quality of education. As public institutions mandated to provide quality and affordable education to the people, upgrading the capabilities of state universities, such as the CNU Medellin Extension Campus, is an imperative.

The conversion of CNU Medellin extension campus to a satellite one will guarantee budgetary support from the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). This fund will help CNU Medellin extension campus to provide for itself, building much needed infrastructure, acquiring additional lab instruments, and hiring of additional highly qualified personnel in the university.



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

Section 1. Conversion. The extension campus of the Cebu Normal University (CNU) in the Municipality of Medellin is hereby converted into a satellite campus, and to be known as CNU – Medellin Campus.

Section 2. General Mandate. - The University shall admit students in its satellite campus who may avail of graduate, undergraduate, and short-term technical-vocational courses within the University's areas of specialization and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents (Board) may deem necessary to carry out the University's objectives, particularly to respond to the needs of the Province of Cebu and the entire Region VII: Provided, That no degree program shall be offered without the approval of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) before the same shall be approved by the Board.

The University is also mandated to undertake research, extension, and production services in the satellite campus in support of the socioeconomic development of the Province of Cebu and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

Section 3. Administration of Satellite Campus. - The University President shall have overall supervision and management of the CNU – Medellin Campus. The campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the University President.

Subject to the usual government accounting and budgeting rules and regulations, the Campus Director of the CNU – Medellin Campus is hereby authorized to cause the construction or repair of the campus buildings, machinery, equipment and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property for the satellite campus, including necessary supplies, materials, and equipment.

Section 4. Compliance with CHED Requirements. - The establishment of the DHVSU - Mexico Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the CHED.

Section 5. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 6. Parity Clause. - All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state colleges and universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the satellite campus and/or its officials, whenever appropriate.

Section 7. 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 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. -All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,