



Republic of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH (19<sup>TH</sup>) CONGRESS  
First Regular Session



H. B. No. 1124

---

Introduced by HON. WILTON "TONTON" T. KHO

---

**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR.-**  
**MASBATE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLACER,**  
**PROVINCE OF MASBATE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR**  
**OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The establishment of campuses in various districts of the Province of Masbate is prescribed under Republic Act No. 11171, or the law converting the Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology into Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr.-Masbate State University (DEBESMSU).

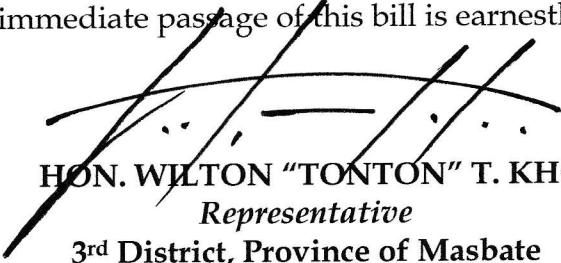
Regular campuses are often established by universities to serve the educational needs of a more distant community, aimed at providing higher educational opportunities for students who would otherwise not have access to tertiary education. To ensure that quality higher education is accessible to all who seek it, particularly those who may not be able to afford it, the DEBESMSU has established extension campuses in Masbate City and in the municipalities of Aroroy, Cawayan, and San Fernando in Ticao Island, all in the Province of Masbate.

The reality on the ground is that State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) such as DEBESMSU remain as the institutions of choice of poor but deserving students because of free tuition, proximity to their homes, and the high quality of program offerings. As public institutions charged with responding to the education and

development needs of their respective provinces, upgrading the SUCs' capability to continuously deliver quality education is an absolute imperative.

A campus serves as a chief factor in building human capital to spur creativity and productivity in the community, generating new knowledge, engendering innovations for human development, and driving economic growth and global competitiveness. The DEBESMSU as an academic institution fully supports the national government's commitment that puts education as the central strategy for investing in the Filipino people, reducing poverty, and building national competitiveness. The establishment of the DEBESMSU-Placer Campus will surely contribute to our government's fundamental strategy to fight poverty and foster national competitiveness, thereby accomplishing its mission of lifting economically and socially-marginalized Filipinos out of indigence.

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



HON. WILTON "TONTON" T. KHO

*Representative*

3<sup>rd</sup> District, Province of Masbate

## }

1124

---

Introduced by HON. WILTON "TONTON" T. KHO

---

**ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR.-  
MASBATE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLACER,  
PROVINCE OF MASBATE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

1  
2 **SEC. 5.** The establishment of the DBESMSU-Placer Campus shall ensure that the  
3 minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied  
4 with as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education.  
5

6 **SEC. 6.** All assets, real and personal, and records of the DBESMSU-Placer Campus, as  
7 well as liabilities and obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The  
8 positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed  
9 at the DBESMSU-Placer Campus under existing laws prior to the integration to the  
10 University shall be respected.  
11

12 All parcels of land belonging to the government and occupied by the DBESMSU-  
13 Placer Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the University, and shall be  
14 titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the University cease to exist or be  
15 abolished or should such parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the  
16 University, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit to the  
17 Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.  
18

19 **SEC. 7.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher  
20 Education Modernization Act of 1997", and Republic Act No. 11171 shall form as  
21 integral part of this Act, and together, shall serve as governing charter of the  
22 University.  
23

24 **SEC. 8.** All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state  
25 colleges and universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed  
26 granted to or imposed upon the satellite campuses and/or its officials, whenever  
27 appropriate.  
28

29 **SEC. 9.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included  
30 in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
31

32 **SEC. 10.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
33 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain  
34 in full force and effect.  
35

36 **SEC. 11.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or other issuances  
37 or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
38 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.  
39

40 **SEC. 12.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official  
41 Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.  
42

43 *Approved,*