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HOUSE BILL NO. 1322



Introduced by Representatives Daphne A. Lagon and Sonny L. Lagon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to integrate the Cordova Public College in the Municipality of Cordova into the Cebu Technological University to be known as the CTU-Cordova Campus.

The Municipality of Cordova is located in Mactan Island bordered to the North by the highly-urbanized city of Lapu-lapu, to the West by the Mactan Channel, to the East by the Hilutungan Channel and Olango Island which is the Municipality's thirteenth barangay, and to the South by the Cebu Strait. It is a part of Metro Cebu and a constituent municipality of Cebu Province's Sixth Congressional District.

Cordova is a third income class municipality with a population of 70,595 as of the 2020 census. It has no privately-owned college or university and many of its youths pursue tertiary education in Mandaue and Cebu cities. For those who cannot afford the expenses, the Cordova Public College is the only choice for them to complete a college degree.

Being a third class municipality, the Municipal Government of Cordova has been struggling very hard to provide for the school's yearly budget. Doing so has perennially strained its resources to implement other meaningful programs for its residents. Being the only institution of higher learning in the municipality, the Cordova Public College is struggling as well to accommodate every qualified student despite its meager budget, inadequate facilities and limited teaching personnel.

Based on the above premises, it is ideal that the Cordova Public College be integrated into the Cebu Technological University, primarily to enhance its financial viability and its level of instruction. Secondly, it will free up much needed resources of the municipal government which it can utilize for other equally important programs and projects that will redound to the benefit of Cordova's general population.

In view of the above, the prompt approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INTEGRATING THE CORDOVA PUBLIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CORDOVA INTO THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU), TO BE
KNOWN AS THE CTU-CORDOVA CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Cebu Technological University-Cordova Campus Act”.

SECTION 2. The Cordova Public College in the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu, is hereby integrated into the Cebu Technological University (CTU) as a regular campus, to be known as the CTU-Cordova Campus. It shall be under the direct supervision of the CTU.

SECTION 3. The Board of Regents of the CTU, hereinunder referred to as the Board, shall be authorized to determine the structure, composition, and size of the faculty and staff of the CTU-Cordova Campus.

SECTION 4. The CTU President shall have overall supervision and management over the CTU-Cordova Campus, which shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

SECTION 5. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the Cordova Public College located in the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu, as well as liabilities and obligations, shall be transferred to the CTU: Provided, That the positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein under existing laws prior to their integration into the CTU shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Cordova Public College shall be transferred to the CTU, and shall be titled under its name: Provided, That should the CTU-Cordova Campus or the CTU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the CTU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SECTION 6. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Municipality of Cordova shall provide the same assistance until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.

SECTION 7. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall issue the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 8. 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.

SECTION 9. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,