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Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE NUEVA ECIJA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NEUST) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALIAGA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEUST-ALIAGA CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 8612 converted the then Central Luzon Polytechnic College into a specialized university now known as the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST) mandated to primarily provide advanced instruction, professional training in arts, science and technology, education, and other related fields; undertake research and extension services, and provide progressive leadership in these areas; and to offer graduate, undergraduate, and short-term technical courses within areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, considering the needs of the province, the region, and the country.

The recently enacted laws, Republic Act No. 11752 and Republic Act No. 11753, both establishing regular campuses of the NEUST in the Municipalities of Sto. Domingo and Nampicuan, respectively, are a welcome addition to the twelve (12) existing campuses of the State University.

To further reach the aim of delivering quality education to our people, this bill then seeks to establish a regular campus of the NEUST in the Municipality of Aliaga. While the town of Aliaga borders Cabanatuan City, where the main campus of the NEUST is located, the fare and other miscellaneous fees students incur going to and from school are an added expense. The establishment of a regular campus of one of the prestigious educational institutions in the province in one of the largest towns of the First District of Nueva Ecija would not only achieve the primary aim but would also encourage more of our youth to pursue higher education while close proximity will help in easing some of their financial burden.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate 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. This Act shall be known as the "*Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology-Aliaga Campus Act*".

SEC. 2. There is hereby established campus of the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to as the University, in the Municipality of Aliaga, Province of Nueva Ecija, to be known as the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST)-Aliaga Campus.

SEC. 3. The NEUST-Aliaga Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to its mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and those which respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Nueva Ecija and Region III.

The NEUST-Aliaga Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. The NEUST-Aliaga Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the University. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set of the Board.

SEC. 5. The establishment of NEUST-Aliaga Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for their operation and program offerings have been complied with, as duly described by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

SEC. 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the NEUST-Aliaga Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the NEUST-Aliaga Campus under existing laws prior to the integration to the University shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the NEUST-Aliaga Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the University and shall be titled under that name: *Provided,* That should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form an integral part of this Act, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

SEC. 8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations to state universities and its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials, whenever appropriate.

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

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

SEC. 11. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of his Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,