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House Bill No. 2347



Introduced by

HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ
HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
and
HON. JUDE A. ACIDRE

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN SAMAR
STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALANGIGA, PROVINCE
OF EASTERN SAMAR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) Satellite Campus in the Municipality of Balangiga, Province of Eastern Samar, to be known as the Eastern Samar State University – Balangiga Satellite Campus, in line with the mandate of the State to make education accessible to all.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that:
“The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”

Republic Act No. 9312 was passed into law on August 07, 2004, which provided for the conversion of the Eastern Samar State College into a State

University, known as the Eastern Samar State University and integrating therewith the Maydolong National Agricultural School.

Under the said law, it is the mandate of the University to provide advanced education, higher technological, professional instruction, and training in the fields of industry, computer and information technology, forestry, and environmental sciences, agriculture and veterinary medicine, fishery, medicine and related sciences, engineering, education, law, arts and sciences, and other related fields of study.

In line with this, the establishment of a satellite campus will bolster the goal of the University to provide quality education responsive to the national and global needs focused on generating knowledge and technology, which will ultimately improve the lives of the students, including their families. Further, this will provide better access to quality tertiary education, without having to travel to the main campus.

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



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

Section 1. *Establishment of Satellite Campus.* – There is hereby established a Satellite Campus of the Eastern Samar State University, located in the Municipality of Balangiga, Province of Eastern Samar, to be known as the Eastern Samar State University - Balangiga Satellite Campus.

Section 2. *Board of Regents.* – The Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) Board of Regents is hereby authorized to find a suitable location in the Municipality of Balangiga for the construction of the ESSU-Balangiga Satellite Campus and to perform the necessary tasks to acquire said property and construct the satellite campus.

Section 3. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for purposes of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,