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and
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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SAN ISIDRO SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE LEYTE
NORMAL UNIVERSITY (LNU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN
ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Leyte Normal University San Isidro Satellite Campus into a regular campus, to be known as the Leyte Normal University – San Isidro Campus, in line with the mandate of the State to make education accessible to all.

Republic Act No. 7910, otherwise known as “An Act Converting the Leyte State College into a State University to be known as the Leyte Normal University,” was enacted on February 23, 1995.

Section 2 of the said law provides that: *“The University shall primarily provide higher professional and special instructions for special purposes and promote research and extension services, advanced studies and progressive leadership in education and other related fields as may be relevant.”*

In addition, the Philippine Constitution also provides that *“the State shall give priority to education”* and 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.”*

In line with this, the conversion of the satellite campus into a regular campus will provide the residents of the Municipality of San Isidro in the Province of Leyte and other neighboring municipalities, with access to quality and affordable tertiary education, especially in the field of education and other related degree courses.

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. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Leyte Normal University San Isidro Campus Act.*”

Section 2. *Conversion.* – The Leyte Normal University San Isidro Satellite Campus located in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Leyte, is hereby converted into a regular campus of the Leyte Normal University to be known as the Leyte Normal University San Isidro Campus (LNU-San Isidro).

Section 3. *Curricular Offerings.* – The LNU-San Isidro Campus shall offer short-term technical-vocational education and training (TVET) courses, undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and other related and relevant fields of study within its areas of competency and specialization, as the Board

of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives and meet the human resource development needs of the Province of Leyte and Eastern Visayas.

The LNU-San Isidro Campus shall also undertake research, extension services, and production activities in support of the socioeconomic development of the province and the region and provide progressive leadership in these areas.

Section 4. *Board of Regents.* – The governance of the LNU-San Isidro shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents (BOR), hereinafter referred to as the Board, of the said university.

Section 5. *Campus Administrator.* – The administration of LNU-San Isidro shall be the responsibility of the Campus Administrator who shall be appointed by the LNU President and confirmed by the Board. He shall serve on a full-time basis and shall hold office for a term of three (3) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term.

The Campus Administrator of LNU-San Isidro shall represent LNU-San Isidro in the Administrative Council and Academic Council of the University.

Section 6. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.* – All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the LNU-San Isidro Satellite Campus located in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Leyte, as well as its liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the LNU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the LNU-San Isidro Satellite Campus are hereby transferred to the LNU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campus or the University cease

to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the local government units concerned.

Section 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's funding of the LNU-San Isidro Satellite Campus as provided by the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Leyte.

The Municipality of San Isidro shall provide the same funding to LNU-San Isidro corresponding to the funding given before the same is integrated into LNU. The full amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the LNU-San Isidro is included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 8. *Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organizational / Administrative / Academic Structure.* – Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, LNU-San Isidro shall accomplish the following:

- (a) Submit a five (5) year development plan, including its corresponding program budget to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), for corresponding recommendation to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- (b) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
- (c) Set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic structure, including the appointment / designation of LNU-San Isidro officials.

Section 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the LNU Board of Regents shall, in consultation with the CHED, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act.

Section 10. *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 11. *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 12. *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,