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House Bill No. 3044



Introduced by **HON. MARIA FE R. ABUNDA**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to recognize the ESSU Arteche Satellite Campus as one the of the regular campuses of the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU), consistent with the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of its citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

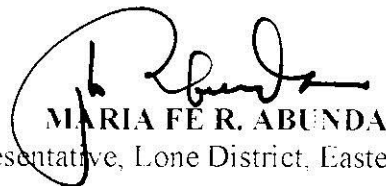
In 2004, Republic Act 9312 otherwise known as "An Act Converting the Eastern Samar State Colleges (ESSC) into a State University to be known as the Eastern Samar State University, integrating therewith the Maydolong National Agricultural School in the Municipality of Maydolong, Province of Eastern Samar and appropriating funds therefor" created the Eastern Samar State University.

The paramount role of educational institutions such as ESSU is a contributory factory in the processes of social change and the continuous development of the province of Eastern Samar.

Through the recognition of Arteche Satellite Campus as a regular campus, the government also ensures the availability and augmentation of its resources to fully operate hence, expanding the capacity of the same to offer better academic experience to students.

Such conversion is also in consonance with the constitutional mandate of establishing and maintaining a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development.

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


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE ARTECHE CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN SAMAR
STATE UNIVERSITY (ESSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE,
PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. 9312 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "Eastern Samar State University-Arteche Campus Act".

Section 2. The Satellite Campus of the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) in the Municipality of Arteche, Province of Eastern Samar, is hereby converted into a regular campus to be known as the ESSU-Arteche Campus.

Section 3. The ESSU-Arteche Campus shall offer short-term technical-vocation education and training (TVET) courses, undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and other related and relevant fields of study within its competency and areas of specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the ESSU, as the Board of Regents of ESSU – hereinafter referred to as the Board - may deem necessary to carry out its objectives,

The ESSU-Arteche Campus shall also respond to meet the human resource development needs of the Province of Eastern Samar and Region VIII, undertake research, extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic development of the province and the region, and provide progressive leadership in these areas.

Section 4. The governance of the ESSU-Arteche Campus shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents of the ESSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

Section 5. The ESSU President shall exercise overall supervision and management of the ESSU-Arteche Campus while the same shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

Section 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the ESSU-Arteche Satellite Campus located in the Municipality of Arteche, Province of Eastern Samar, as well as its liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to ESSU. 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 ESSU-Arteche Satellite Campus are hereby transferred to the ESSU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, that should the campus or 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 local government units concerned.

Section 7. The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's funding of the ESSU-Arteche Satellite Campus provided by the Municipality of Arteche, Province of Eastern Samar.

The Municipality of Arteche shall provide the same assistance until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the ESSU-Arteche Satellite Campus shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Republic Act No. 9312, otherwise known as "An Act Converting The Eastern Samar State Colleges (ESSC) Into A State University To Be Known As The Eastern Samar State University" is hereby amended. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,