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HOUSE BILL NO. 4525



Introduced by REP. JOSE MA. R. ZUBIRI, JR.

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SATELLITE CAMPUSES OF THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TALAKAG, BAUNGON, LIBONA, MALITBOG, IMPASUGONG, CABANGLASAN, SAN FERNANDO, QUEZON, KITAOTAO, DAMULOG, KADINGILAN, AND KALILANGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON and IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALUBIJID, TALISAYAN AND MEDINA IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL ALL IN NORTHERN MINDANAO, INTO REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

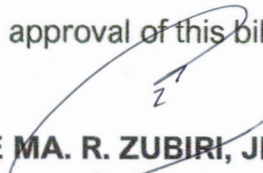
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

Currently, the Bukidnon State University have satellite campuses in the Municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasugong, Cabanglasan, San Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan and Kalilangan in the Province of Bukidnon and in the Municipalities of Alubijid, Talisayan and Medina in the Province of Misamis Oriental—all of which are located in Northern Mindanao.

Given that these municipalities cover a large area, independently administering these satellite schools is a huge task for the Bukidnon State University. As such, it would be better to integrate these campuses to the Bukidnon State University itself by converting them into regular campuses of the said university. To maximize these campuses, this bill has given the mandate that each campus converted herein shall provide undergraduate and graduate courses, and short-term technical-vocational programs, within their areas of competency and specialization.

Thus, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. Conversion of the Bukidnon State University Satellite Campuses into Regular Campuses. - The Bukidnon State University (BUKSU) Satellite Campuses located in the Municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasug-ong, Cabanglasan, San Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan, and Kalilangan in the Province of Bukidnon and in the Municipalities of Alubijid, Talisayan and Medina in the Province of Misamis Oriental all in Northern Mindanao are hereby converted into regular campuses of the Bukidnon State University (BukSU) to be known respectively as BukSU-Talakag Campus, BukSU-Baungon Campus, BukSU-Libona Campus, BukSU-Malitbog Campus, BukSU-Impasugong Campus, BukSU-Cabanglasan Campus, BukSU-San Fernando Campus, BukSU-Quezon Campus, BukSU-Kitaotao Campus, BukSU-Damulog Campus, BukSU-Kadingilan Campus, BukSU-Kalilangan Campus, BukSU-Alubijid Campus, BukSU Talisayan Campus, and BukSU-Medina Campus.

SEC. 2. General Mandate. - The campuses created in Section 1 hereof shall primarily provide undergraduate and graduate courses, and short-term technical-vocational programs, within their areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the BukSU, and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the BOR, may deem necessary to respond to the human resources and development needs of the Province of Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental and Region X. The campuses are also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in their area.

SEC. 3. Administration of Campuses. – The University President shall have overall supervision and management over the campuses created in Section 1. Each campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the BOR, upon the recommendation of the University President, subject to the guidelines on qualifications and standards set by the BOR.

Subject to the usual government accounting and budgeting rules and regulations, the Campus Director is hereby authorized to cause the construction or repair of buildings, machinery, equipment and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.

SEC. 4. Compliance with CHED Requirements - The BukSU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the campuses, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.

SEC. 5. Personnel, Land and Other Real Properties - All assets, real and personnel, and records of the BukSU Satellite Campuses, as well its liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the BukSU. The positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into regular campuses shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the campuses enumerated in Section 1 shall be transferred to the BukSU: Provided, That should the campuses or BukSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the BukSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act: Provided, That the local government units of the municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasug-ong, Cabanglasan, San Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan, and Kalilangan in the province of Bukidnon and the municipalities of Alubijid, Talisayan and Medina in the province of Misamis Oriental shall provide the same assistance until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the campuses shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Suppletory Application. - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", and Republic Act No. 9456, otherwise known as the "Act Converting Bukidnon State College in the City of Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon into a State University to be known as Bukidnon State University, and Appropriating Funds Therefor", shall form as integral part of this Act.

SEC. 8. Parity Clause. – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state colleges and universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the campuses in Section 1 hereof and/or its officials, whenever appropriate.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with CHED, shall determine the implementing rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. – 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.

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

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

Approved,