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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides, "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development" while Article XIV Section 1 tells us, "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."

This bill seeks to establish the Cebu Normal University (CNU)-Balamban Extension Campus as a satellite campus of CNU, in line with the government's mandate to provide accessible and affordable college education. Balamban is a first class municipality comprised of 28 barangays where 95,136¹ Cebuanos reside. The town is home to thousands of skilled workers and is now considered the shipbuilding capital of the Philippines.

In 1998, Republic Act No. 8688 converted the Cebu State College in Cebu City into a state university and was hence known as the Cebu Normal University. The extension campus of CNU in Balamban was opened in 2005. Seventeen years have passed and the educational demands of Balamban have increased. The conversion of CNU-Balamban into a satellite campus will expand its capacity to provide quality tertiary education and increase the resources available to ensure its operations.

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


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¹ Philippine Statistics Authority, *Census of Population (2020), Region VII (Central Visayas)*, available at <https://psa.gov.ph/sites/default/files/attachments/ird/pressrelease/Region%207.xlsx>.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BALAMBAN EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY (CNU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAMBAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CNU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CNU-BALAMBAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "*Cebu Normal University (CNU) Balamban Campus Act*".

Section 2. The Balamban Extension Campus of the CNU located in the Municipality of Balamban, Province of Cebu, is hereby converted into a regular campus, to be known as the CNU-Balamban Campus.

Section 3. The CNU-Balamban Campus shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the CNU, and according to its capability as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Cebu and Region VII. It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

Section 4. The CNU-Balamban Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.

Section 5. The CNU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the CNU-Balamban Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.

Section 6. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the Balamban Extension Campus of the CNU, as well as liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the CNU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to its conversion into a regular campus shall be respected. All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Balamban Extension Campus of the CNU shall be transferred to the CNU: *Provided, That* should the campus or the CNU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the CNU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

Section 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

Section 8. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). The Municipality of Balamban shall provide the same assistance until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the CNU-Balamban Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.

Section 9. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the implementing rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 10. 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.

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

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

Approved,