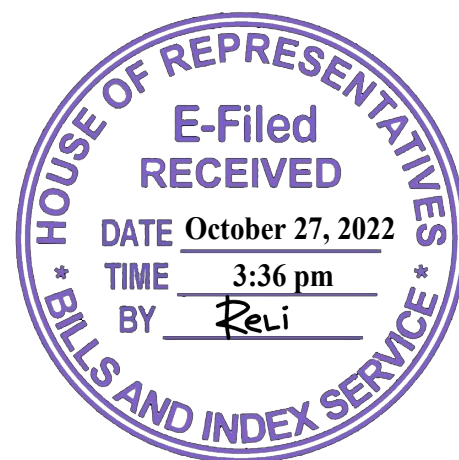


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ARTECHE CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY (ESSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Satellite Campus of the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) in the Municipality of Arteche, Eastern Samar, into a regular campus to be known as the Eastern Samar State University-Arteche Campus (ESSU-Arteche Campus), in line with the mandate of the State to make 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 conversion of the satellite campus into a regular campus will provide the residents of the Municipality of Arteche in the Province of Eastern Samar and other neighboring municipalities, with access to quality and affordable tertiary education.

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 “*Eastern Samar State University-Arteche Campus Act.*”

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

Section 3. *Curricular Offerings.* – The ESSU-Arteche 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.

The ESSU-Arteche 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 ESSU-Arteche Campus 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 the ESSU-Arteche Campus shall be the responsibility of the Campus Administrator who shall be appointed by the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) 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.

Section 6. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.* – All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the ESSU-Arteche Campus located in the Municipality of Arteche, Province of Eastern Samar, as well as its liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the 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 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 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 ESSU-Arteche Satellite Campus as provided by the Municipality of Arteche, Province of Eastern Samar.

The Municipality of Arteche shall provide the same funding to ESSU-Arteche Campus until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the ESSU-Arteche Campus is included in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 8. *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 9. *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 10. *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,