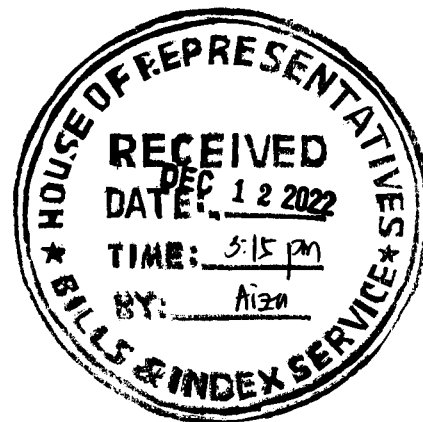


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6609



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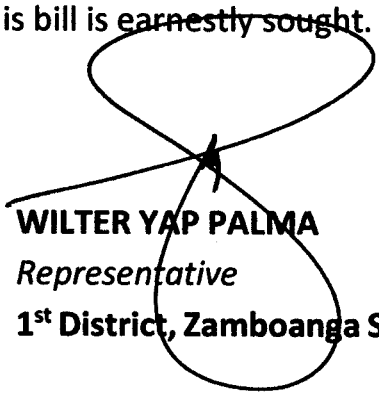
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Upon its incipience, the Mindanao State University – Buug (MSU-BUUG) Campus has served as one of the primary tertiary education institution in charge of promoting sustainable growth within the region by producing remarkable college graduates who are well versed within their chosen fields.

As mandated in Section 1. Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution which states that “The state shall protect and promote the right of all the citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all”. The MSU-BUUG Campus has successfully done their part in providing accessible and quality education for the entire Region IX. They served as a pillar for the youth within our region to be on par with national and international standards on employment which in turn further aids the economic and socio-economic standing of the Region. However, the success of the MSU-BUUG still comes with a number of issues which have accosted their institution for years. Such example of which is the financial challenges which have plagued the campus where the Miscellaneous Operating and Other Expenses (MOOE) from the Main Campus (Marawi Campus) always fall short to pay the salaries of its contractual faculty and staff. In addition, there were also difficulties in procuring modern day teaching materials due to the lack of funding which have greatly affected their capability to provide quality education especially in the face of the increasingly competitive global economy.

As such, it is clear that there indeed a pressing need for providing the MSU-Buug Campus with **FISCAL AUTONOMY** through a grant of a separate **KEY BUDGETARY INCLUSION** which would enable them to deliver maximum transformational impact not only to the citizens of Zamboanga Sibugay but also the entirety of Region IX. Furthermore, by providing them with the necessary funding through their very own budget for Personnel Services, Maintenance, and Other Operating Expenses as well as Capital Outlay, this shall lead to the immediate itemization of their hired faculty and staff as well as the financial freedom to procure all of the necessary equipment that would enable them to continue to be a vital educational pillar for the entirety of Region IX.

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



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AN ACT

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY – BUUG (MSU-BUUG) CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUUG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY – ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY PROVINCE, PROVIDING FOR ITS FISCAL AUTONOMY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** – The Mindanao State University – Buug Campus (MSU-BUUG) in the
2 Municipality of Buug, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is hereby renamed as the
3 Mindanao State University – Zamboanga Sibugay Province (MSU-ZSP), providing for
4 its full fiscal autonomy.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** – The MSU-ZSP, as a full autonomous campus, with fiscal autonomy
6 grant, shall provide programs for the continuous development of their arts and
7 science programs.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** – All properties, funds, personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the
9 Mindanao State University-Buug Campus shall be transferred effectively to the
10 name and custody of Mindanao State University-Zamboanga Sibugay Province. This
11 process of turnover shall be led by the University Heads and supervised by the
12 Commission on Higher Education Regional Office IX.

13 **SECTION 4. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the full implementation of
14 this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the
15 Commission on Higher Education. Thereafter, such sums as may be deemed
16 necessary for the continuous operation of the MSU-ZSP Campus shall be included
17 in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

18 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
19 effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Higher Education in coordination with the
20 Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Regents of the Mindanao State University
21 – Zamboanga Sibugay Province Campus, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
22 regulations for the full implementation of this Act.

23 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision, section, or part of this Act shall
24 be deemed as unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect, invalidate,
25 or impair the other provisions, sections or parts hereof.

26 **SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other laws, rules and regulations, orders,
27 circulars, or issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions
28 of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

29 **SECTION 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
30 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.