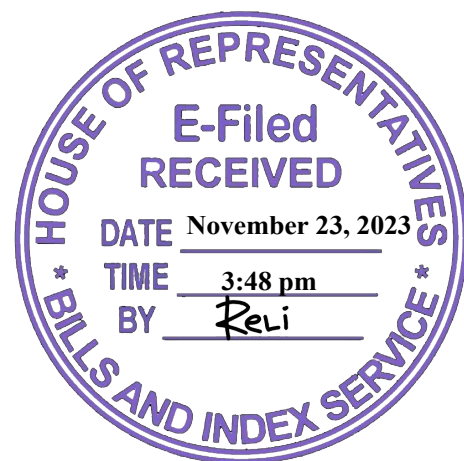




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HOUSE BILL NO. 9615

Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE
COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAINGOD, PROVINCE OF
DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL NORTE
STATE COLLEGE - KATUTUBO CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Davao del Norte State College (DNSC) is a higher education institution mandated to provide higher professional, technical, and special instructions for special purposes and promote research and extension services, advanced studies and progressive leadership in education, engineering, arts, sciences, fisheries, and other fields.

DNSC is located in the City of Panabo in Davao del Norte, with chartered satellite campuses in the Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Municipality of Carmen, and in the Island Garden City of Samal. As of present, the whole DNSC offers fourteen (14) undergraduate and seven (7) graduate programs with a total student population of 6,505 as of AY 2022-2023, and a total workforce of 375 teaching faculty and non-teaching staff.

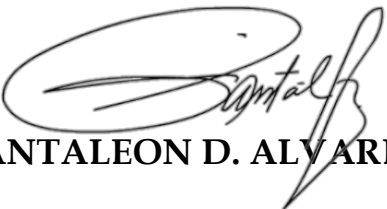
As DNSC envisions to become a higher institution in Agri-fisheries and Socio-Cultural development in the ASEAN region, the college expanded its borders and entered into agreements with the local Ata-Manobo Tribe, the Municipality of Talaingod, the Provincial Government Unit of Davao del Norte, and the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) in the establishment of Datu Jose A. Libayao: DNSC Extension Campus to be known as "Katutubo Campus", located in the Municipality of Talaingod.

Currently, the extension campus offers Bachelor of Science in

Agroforestry to the IP communities in the area, extending the reach of quality education and opportunities in the far-flung areas of Davao del Norte. There are currently 138 students enrolled in the program and the total population is projected to rise to 185 students for the next academic year.

The establishment of an extension campus in the Municipality of Talaingod shall open a bigger door which will allow greater access to quality education and opportunities for qualified and deserving college students not only in Talaingod but to the entire Province of Davao del Norte. This bill also aims to extend the reach of DNSC to the far-flung IP communities to give our IP brothers and sisters access to quality 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "*Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus Act*".

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a campus of the Davao del Norte State College, hereinafter referred to as the College, in the Municipality of Talaingod, Province of Davao del Norte, to be known as the Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus.

SEC. 3. The DNSC- Katutubo Campus shall provide quality education and shall serve as a center for the preservation, promotion, and celebration of the cultural heritage, traditions, and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines. Thus, the campus shall prioritize culturally appropriate education, vocational training, and economic opportunities, enabling Indigenous Peoples to participate in and benefit from national and global economies while maintaining cultural integrity.

SEC. 4. The Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus shall provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate

courses within the areas which, in the determination of the Board of Trustees, herein referred to as the Board, of the College are within its competency, and are aligned with the human resource development goals of Davao del Norte and the whole Davao Region.

The Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus is also mandated to undertake higher professional, technical, and special instructions for special purposes and promote research and extensions services, and provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 5. The Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the recommendation of the President of the Davao del Norte State College. Such appointment or designation shall be subjected to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.

SEC. 6. The Davao del Norte State College shall ensure that the minimum requirements for the operation of the Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus, including those related to these course offerings, are fully complied with.

SEC. 7. All assets, real and personal, including personnel, and records of the Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the College. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus under existing laws prior to the integration to the College shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the College and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should Davao del Norte State College cease to exist or be abolished, or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the Davao del Norte State College, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 8. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997,” shall form part of this Act, and together, shall serve as the Governing Charter of the College.

SEC. 9. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations to College and its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the Davao del Norte State College - Katutubo Campus and its officials, whenever appropriate.

SEC. 10. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 11. 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 in effect.

SEC. 12. 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. 13. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,