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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **9840**



Introduced by Representatives ERIC GO YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Benguet State University (BSU) is the first and only state university in the Province of Benguet. Awarded with SUC Level IV, the highest category in the SUC leveling classification of state universities and colleges by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), BSU continuously pursues expansion of its campuses across the province. At present, the University has a total of three (3) campuses—the main campus in the Municipality of La Trinidad and the two (2) satellite campuses in the Municipalities of Buguias and Bokod.

Considering the inherent difficulty in terms of transportation and mobility across the province of Benguet due to the challenges brought by its steep and mountainous topography, it is prudent to establish another satellite campus in other municipalities of the province when the existing campuses are still not widely accessible to students, especially those in the far-flung rural areas. After all, BSU does not only cater to the people of Benguet, but also to the neighboring provinces in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

In this regard, this bill seeks to establish another satellite campus of the Benguet State University to be nestled in the municipality of Kapangan, Benguet, which is to be known as the *Benguet State University (BSU) - Kapangan Campus*. In addition to the research and extension services that the said satellite campus ought to provide, it also aims to bestow an opportunity for the people of Benguet and its neighboring provinces to acquire quality education and training within the proximity of their homes—mitigating the costs of tertiary and technical education as a whole.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY (BSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAPANGAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO BE KNOWN AS THE BSU - KAPANGAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*BSU – Kapangan Campus Act*".

SEC. 2. *Establishment of a Satellite Campus.* - There is hereby established a satellite campus of the Benguet State University (SLSU) in the Municipality of Kapangan, Province of Benguet, to be known as the BSU – Kapangan Campus.

SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* - The BSU - Kapangan Campus shall offer graduate, undergraduate and short-term technical-vocational courses within its area of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly to meet the needs of the province of Benguet and the entire Cordillera Administrative Region.

BSU - Kapangan Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas, including the offering of graduate degrees under the BSU System.

SEC. 4. *Administration of the Satellite Campus.* - The BSU - Kapangan Campus shall be headed by the Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed/designated by the Board of Regents (BOR) upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the BOR.

SEC. 5. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.* - The establishment of BSU – Kapangan Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the CHED.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. *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 satellite campus and/or its officials, whenever appropriate.

SEC 8. *Separability Clause.* - Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof that are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper or general circulation.

Approved,