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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 16470



Introduced by Honorable EULOGIO R. RODRIGUEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As mandated by the 1987 Constitution, the state is obligated to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to everyone.

This bill aims to establish a separate campus of the Catanduanes State University in the Municipality of Pandan, Catanduanes. Republic Act 10229, signed into law on October 19, 2012, converted Catanduanes State Colleges into Catanduanes State University. The university's primary mandate is to provide advanced education, higher technological and professional instruction, and training in various fields such as trade, commerce, fishery, agriculture, arts and sciences, industrial technology, nursing, midwifery, education, engineering, public administration, and information technology.

Currently, the main campus of Catanduanes State University (CATSU) is in the capital town of Virac, with a satellite campus in the Municipality of Panganiban. Catanduanes has eleven municipalities, and the majority of CATSU enrollees, particularly those in high-demand courses, are based in Virac. Due to limited space, students rely on boarding houses and dormitories for accommodation and food, enduring these challenges throughout their college education. Given the scarcity of resources, families often have to spend more to ensure their children's welfare.

If this bill is passed into law, students from Pandan will no longer need to travel long distances to Virac or be separated from their families. The savings from reduced travel costs can be redirected to other beneficial activities, particularly improving the lives of indigent families. Additionally, CATSU can introduce new courses that will directly benefit the local community.

In light of these considerations, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE EULOGIO R. RODRIGUEZ**

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANDAN, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATSU-PANDAN 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 "**Catanduanes State University**, Pandan Campus Act."

SECTION 2. There are hereby established a campus of the Catanduanes State University (CATSU), hereinafter referred to as the University, in the Municipality of Pandan, province of Catanduanes, to be known as Catanduanes State University (CATSU) - Pandan Campus.

SECTION 3. The CATSU-Pandan Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate and graduate course within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant its mandate, and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and those which respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Catanduanes.

The CATSU-Pandan Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SECTION 4. The CATSU-Pandan campus shall be headed by a Campus administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the University. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

SECTION 5. The establishment of the CATSU-Pandan Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with, as duly prescribed by the commission on Higher Education.

SECTION 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the CATSU-Pandan Campus, as well as liabilities and obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the CATSU-Pandan Campus under existing laws prior to the integration of the University shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the CATSU-Pandan Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the University and shall be titled under its name: Provided, That should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit 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 an integral part of this Act, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

SECTION 8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state universities and their officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the university and its officials, whenever appropriate.

SECTION 9. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations 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 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,