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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10471



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.

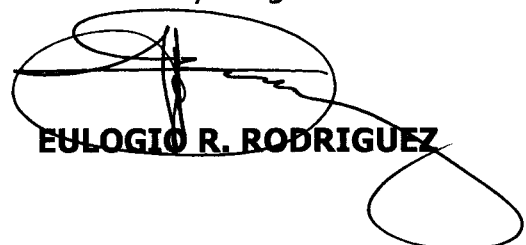
Republic Act 10229, passed into law on October 19, 2022, converted Catanduanes State Colleges into a state university. The Catanduanes State University's main campus is in the capital town of Virac, and a satellite campus is in the Municipality of Panganiban, both located in the Province of Catanduanes.

This bill proposes to convert the Panganiban satellite campus into a regular campus to be known as the Catanduanes State University-Panganiban Campus.

The bill aims to make the Panganiban campus self-reliant and self-sufficient, no longer dependent on the university to manage its affairs. This will eliminate bureaucratic red tape and ensure seamless service delivery, as the campus will rely on its own allotted funds rather than on the resources of the main campus. This autonomy will allow the Panganiban campus to offer new courses, subject to the approval of the CATSU Board of Regents.

If passed into law, many students studying in Virac may opt to transfer to the Panganiban campus, alleviating the burden of separation from their families. Additionally, the Municipality of Panganiban will benefit economically from this conversion, spurring growth and providing livelihood opportunities to its residents.

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


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANGANIBAN SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANGANIBAN, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY-PANGANIBAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Catanduanes State University (CATSU)- Panganiban Campus Act."

SECTION 2. *Conversion of the CATSU-Panganiban Campus into a Regular Campus.* - The (CATSU)-Panganiban Satellite Campus located in the Municipality of Panganiban, Province of Catanduanes, is hereby converted into a regular campus of CATSU to be known as the CATSU-Panganiban Campus.

SECTION 3. *General Mandate.* - The CATSU-Panganiban Campus shall offer short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate and graduate course within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant the mandate the CATSU, and according to its capability as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Catanduanes.

The CATSU-Panganiban Campus shall be mandated to undertake research and extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SECTION 4. *Supervision and Management of CATSU-Panganiban Campus.* - The CATSU-Panganiban Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator, to be appointed by the Board subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by

the Board, and upon the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.

SECTION 5. *Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher Education.* - The CATSU shall ensure the compliance of the CATSU-Panganiban Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of regular campuses, including those related to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised programs prior to its conversion as a regular campus.

SECTION 6. *Management of Personnel, Assets and Records of the Campus.* - All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the CATSU-Panganiban Campus, as well as liabilities and obligations, shall be transferred to the CATSU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed 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-Panganiban Campus shall be transferred to the CATSU: *Provided*, That should the Campus of the CATSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the CATSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SECTION 7. *Suppletory Application.* - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form part of this Act.

SECTION 8. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including those required to fund the plantilla positions of teaching and non-teaching personnel of the CATSU-Panganiban Campus, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* - 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. *Repealing Clause.* - All other 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,