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HOUSE BILL NO. 236

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI**

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE SATELLITE CAMPUSES OF THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TALAKAG, BAUNGON, LIBONA, MALITBOG, IMPASUGONG, CABANGLASAN, SAN FERNANDO, QUEZON, KITAOTAO, DAMULOG, KADINGILAN, AND KALILANGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALUBIJID, TALISAYAN AND MEDINA IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL ALL IN NORTHERN MINDANAO, INTO REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Having access to quality higher education is essential for inclusive and sustainable development, particularly in underserved regions where educational opportunities are often limited. It is one of the most transformative means of equalizing the playing field in our world, creating more opportunities for individuals to maximize their potential and knowledge necessary to succeed in an ever-evolving world.

The satellite campuses of Bukidnon State University (BukSU) have been instrumental in bringing higher education closer to communities in the provinces of Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental. These campuses, located in the municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasugong, Cabanglasan, San Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan, and Kalilangan in Bukidnon, as well as in Alubijid, Talisayan, and Medina in Misamis Oriental, have shown remarkable academic growth and strong community engagement. However, despite their good performance, these campuses still face significant challenges due to their limited institutional autonomy and resource allocation.

Converting these satellite campuses into regular, fully-fledged campuses of Bukidnon State University would significantly enhance their operational autonomy. This transformation would empower local administrators to make decisions tailored to the unique academic, cultural, and economic needs of their communities, and allow for more effective management of budgets, curriculum, and institutional development. Moreover, this move would ensure that each campus receives direct funding from the government, which would be critical for necessary infrastructure improvements, faculty development, and the expansion of student services.

The proposed conversion of these satellite campuses aligns with the constitutional mandate of the State under Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. By empowering these campuses, we are not only investing in education but also in the future of Northern Mindanao, creating opportunities for growth in various sectors such as agriculture, healthcare, and technology which can ultimately uplift the local economies.

The transformation of these campuses is a crucial step toward ensuring that the benefits of higher education reach every corner of our nation, leaving no one behind.

In light of these considerations, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought to support the continued progress of Bukidnon State University and the communities it serves.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Conversion of the Bukidnon State University Satellite Campuses into*
2 *Regular Campuses.* - The Bukidnon State University (BUKSU) Satellite Campuses located in
3 the Municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasugong, Cabanglasan, San
4 Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan, and Kalilangan in the Province of
5 Bukidnon and in the Municipalities of Alubijid, Talisayan and Medina in the Province of
6 Misamis Oriental all in Northern Mindanao are hereby converted into regular campuses of the
7 Bukidnon State University (BukSU) to be known respectively as BukSU-Talakag Campus,
8 BukSU-Baungon Campus, BukSU-Libona Campus, BukSU Malitbog Campus, BukSU-
9 Impasugong Campus, BukSU-Cabanglasan Campus, BukSU-San Fernando Campus, BukSU-
10 Quezon Campus, BukSU-Kitaotao Campus, BukSU-Damulog Campus, BukSU-Kadingilan
11 Campus, BukSU-Kalilangan Campus, BukSU-Alubijid Campus, BukSU Talisayan Campus,
12 and BukSU-Medina Campus.

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1 **SEC. 2. General Mandate.** - The campuses created in Section 1 hereof shall primarily
2 provide undergraduate and graduate courses, and short-term technical vocational programs,
3 within their areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the BukSU,
4 and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the BOR,
5 may deem necessary to respond to the human resources and development needs of the
6 Province of Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental and Region X. The campuses are also mandated to
7 undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in their area.
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9 **SEC. 3. Administration of Campuses.** — The University President shall have overall
10 supervision and management over the campuses created in Section 1. Each campus shall be
11 headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed
12 or designated by the BOR, upon the recommendation of the University President, subject to
13 the guidelines on qualifications and standards set by the BOR.
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15 Subject to the usual government accounting and budgeting rules and regulations, the
16 Campus Director is hereby authorized to cause the construction or repair of buildings,
17 machinery, equipment and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real property,
18 including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.
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20 **SEC. 4. Compliance with CHED Requirements** - The BukSU shall ensure that the
21 minimum requirements of the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of
22 the campuses, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.
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24 **SEC. 5. Personnel, Land and Other Real Properties** - All assets, real and personnel,
25 and records of the BukSU Satellite Campuses, as well its liabilities or obligations, shall be
26 transferred to the BukSU. The positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and
27 personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into regular campuses
28 shall be respected.
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30 All parcels of and belongings to the government occupied by the campuses enumerated
31 in Section 1 shall be transferred to the BukSU: *Provided*, That should the campuses or BukSU
32 cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer
33 needed by the BukSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the
34 Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

1 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** — The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this
2 Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act: *Provided*, That the local government
3 units of the municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasugong, Cabanglasan,
4 San Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan, and Kalilangan in the province of
5 Bukidnon and the municipalities of Alubijid, Talisayan and Medina in the province of Misamis
6 Oriental shall provide the same assistance until such time that the amount necessary for the
7 continued operation and maintenance of the campuses shall be included in the Annual
8 Appropriations Act.

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10 **SEC. 7. Supplementary Application.** - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise
11 known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", and Republic Act No. 9456,
12 otherwise known as the "Act Converting Bukidnon State College in the City of Malaybalay,
13 Province of Bukidnon into a State University to be known as Bukidnon State University, and
14 Appropriating Funds Therefor", shall form as integral part of this Act.

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16 **SEC. 8. Parity Clause.** — All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and
17 limitations to state colleges and universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be
18 deemed granted to or imposed upon the campuses in Section 1 hereof and/or its officials,
19 whenever appropriate.

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21 **SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days from the
22 effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with CHED, shall determine the
23 implementing rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

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25 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** — If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is
26 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall
27 remain in full force and effect.

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29 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
30 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified
31 accordingly.

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33 **SEC. 12. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
34 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,