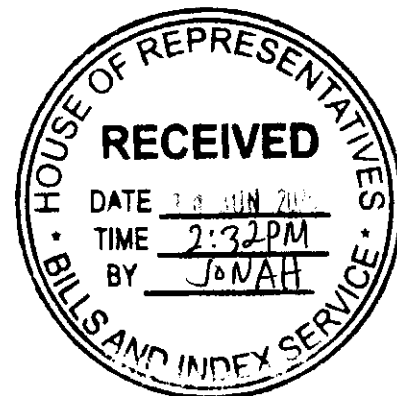


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HOUSE BILL NO. 596

Introduced by HON. BAMBI B. EMANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to appropriate funds for the operation of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) - Jasaan Campus. The USTSP-Jasaan Campus is a vital institution that provides accessible education and contributes to the development of individuals and communities in the region.

The operation of the USTSP-Jasaan Campus is of utmost importance to ensure the continuous delivery of quality education and support services to its students. To have its own legal personality, USTP will be able to secure its own budget for the faculty and staff salaries, infrastructure maintenance, instructional materials, research and development, student services, and other operational expenses necessary for the smooth functioning of the campus.

With this bill we are investing in the future of our students and in the development of the community and the region as a whole. This educational institution plays a crucial role in producing competent graduates who will contribute to the growth and progress of various industries and sectors. The campus will enable to enhance its facilities, expand its programs, and strengthen its academic offerings. This will ultimately attract more students and provide them with a conducive learning environment that will prepare them for their future careers and endeavors.

Having its own legal personality, we demonstrate our commitment to education, access to knowledge, and the overall wellbeing of our constituents. Investing in this institution means investing in the development of our human capital, which is the key to sustainable progress and prosperity.

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


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HOUSE BILL NO. 596

Introduced by YEVGENY VINCENTE B. EMANO

**AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN
PHILIPPINES (USTSP) - JASAAN CAMPUS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "University of Science and Technology of
2 Southern Philippines - Jasaan Campus Act".
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4 **SECTION 2.** There are hereby appropriated funds for the operation of the campus of the
5 University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) in the Municipality of
6 Jasaan, Province of Misamis Oriental, to be known as the University of Science and
7 Technology of Southern Philippines - Jasaan Campus.

8 **SECTION 3.** The USTSP shall admit students to its Jasaan Campus who may avail of
9 graduate, undergraduate and short-term technical-vocational courses within the University's
10 areas of specialization and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents may deem
11 necessary to carry out the University's objectives, particularly to respond to the needs of the
12 province and the entire Region X.

13 The USTSP is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in the Jasaan
14 Campus, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

15 **SECTION 4.** The USTSP - Jasaan Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator
16 who shall render full-time services and who shall be appointed by the Board of Regents (BOR)
17 upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines,
18 qualifications and standards set by the BOR.

19 The Campus Administrator shall have a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for
20 reappointment to another term: *Provided, That this proviso notwithstanding, and in order to*
21 *affect a smooth transition, the incumbent Campus Director of USTP Jasaan, if qualified, shall*
22 *serve as the first campus administrator of USTP Jasaan.*

1 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent
2 Campus administrator of USTP Jasaan, the USTP System shall constitute the Search
3 Committee for the Campus Administrator (SCCA).
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5 **SECTION 5.** The USTSP - Jasaan Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements
6 for its operation and program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the
7 Commission on Higher Education (CHED).
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9 **SECTION 6.** In coordination with the USTSP, within a period of one hundred twenty
10 (120) days after the approval of this Act, the USTSP - Jasaan Campus shall accomplish the
11 following:
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- 13 a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program
14 budget to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the Department of Budget
15 and Management.
- 16 b) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
- 17 c) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic, structure,
18 including the appointment/designation of University campus key officials.
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20 **SECTION 7.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher
21 Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form an integral part of this Act and together
22 shall serve as the governing charter of the University.
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24 **SECTION 8.** All the other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations
25 to state universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or
26 imposed upon the University and/or its officials whenever appropriate.
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28 **SECTION 9.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
29 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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31 **SECTION 10.** All existing laws, issuances and regulations which are contradictory to the
32 herein law is hereby deemed repealed and/or amended accordingly.
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34 **SECTION 11.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
35 *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.
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37 Approved,
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