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**HOUSE BILL NO. 719**



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Introduced by REP. ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

On 14 March 1997, the University of Southeastern Philippines Board of Regents approved the establishment of the University of Southeastern Philippines Bislig (USEP – Bislig) to allow access to the much needed tertiary education to the Bislig locality and the greater community. Classes opened on 17 June 1997 in Usep – Bislig.

By virtue of regionalization and the establishment of a premier state university and college in Surigao del Sur, the plan to transfer the administration and supervision of USEP Bislig to Surigao del Sur State University (now North Eastern Mindanao State University) was made.

Through SDSSU Board Resolution No. 56 series of 2018 dated 22 October 2018 entitled “A resolution concurring USEP Bislig BOR No. 42 series of 2018 for the Separation of USEP – Bislig Campus from its University and its possible transfer to SDSSU,” the transfer of administration and supervision was initiated.

On 25 October 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between USEP and the SDSSU (now NEMSU) was executed between the two State Universities.

The transition of management commenced on 1 January 2019 offering six (6) academic programs. SDSSU (now NEMSU) also assumed to take the existing twenty six (26) plantilla items, the real properties, physical facilities, laboratories and equipment, and the library.

This measure seeks to formalize through a national statute the assignment and transfer of operation, administration and management of USEP Bislig to the North Eastern Mindanao State University as North Eastern Mindanao State University – Bislig City Campus.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE NORTH EASTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY (NEMSU) IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEMSU – BISLIG CITY CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "***NEMSU-Bislig City Campus Act***".

Section 2. There is hereby established a regular campus of the North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU) in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur, to be known as the NEMSU – Bislig City Campus.

Section 3. The NEMSU shall admit students to its Bislig City Campus who may avail of graduate, undergraduate and short-term technical-vocational courses within the University's areas of specialization and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents (BOR) may deem necessary to carry out the University's objectives, particularly to respond to the needs of the Province of Surigao del Sur and of Caraga Region.

The NEMSU – Bislig City Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in support of the socio-economic development of the Province of Surigao del Sur and to provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

Section 4. The NEMSU – Bislig City Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the BOR upon the

recommendation of the Search Committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualification and standards set by the BOR.

Section 5. The establishment of the NEMSU – Bislig City 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 (CHED).

Section 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the NEMSU – Bislig City Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the NEMSU – Bislig City Campus under existing laws prior to integration into the University shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the NEMSU – Bislig City Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the University and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That should the University cease to exist or be abolished, or would no longer need such parcels of land aforementioned, the same shall revert to the local government units (LGUs) concerned.

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, responsibility and limitations to state universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the university and/or its officials whenever appropriate.

Section 9. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual 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 thereby 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 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,