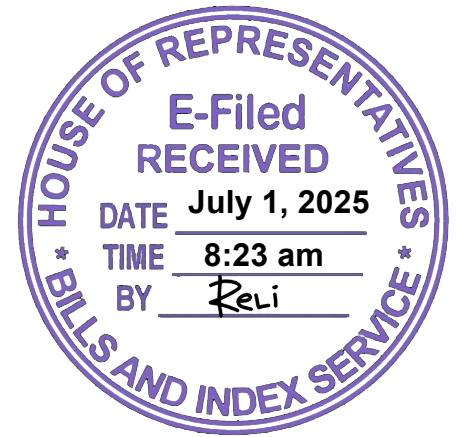


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1981, the University of Southeastern Philippines established an extension program in the Municipality of Hinatuan, Province of Surigao del Sur. It was made to cater the higher education needs of Hinatuan and its contiguous communities. In 1986, the extension program operating in Hinatuan was deferred by the USEP Main Campus but was later reinstituted in 1992 through a memorandum of agreement between USEP and the Hinatuan LGU.

In 2004, USEP finally ceased the operations upon the expiration of the MOA. Seeing the urgency to accommodate the demand of students in the locality, this prompted the Hinatuan LGU to convert the school into the Local College.

In 2006, Hinatuan Southern College commenced operations. It gave a wider range of degree program offering for the increase of demand for higher education.

With an increase of demand for tertiary education and the drastic increase in enrollment, in 15 June 2023 the Hinatuan Southern College issued a Resolution requesting its integration by the North Eastern Mindanao State University.

This measure seeks to formalize through national statute the assignment and transfer of operation, administration and management of Hinatuan Southern College to the North Eastern Mindanao State University as NEMSU – Hinatuan Campus.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE NORTH EASTERN
MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY (NEMSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF HINATUAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE NEMSU – HINATUAN 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-Hinatuan Campus Act**".

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

Section 3. The NEMSU shall admit students to its Hinatuan 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 – Hinatuan 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 – Hinatuan 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 – Hinatuan 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 Hinatuan Southern College, 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 Hinatuan Southern College under existing laws prior to integration into the University shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Hinatuan Southern College 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,