



Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. **816**

Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES IN BARANGAY LUMBIA, CITY OF
CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
“UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES-
LUMBIA CAMPUS”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a fundamental right mandated in Article XIV, Sections 1 and 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution. The State has a duty to promote accessible, relevant, and adequately funded quality education at all levels.

The University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP), established through Republic Act No. 10919 in 2016, has consistently provided advanced education in science and technology. Recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as a Center of Excellence (COE) in Information Technology, it is one of the few institutions in Mindanao with such a distinction. However, many Kagay-anons struggle to access USTP due to locational constraints.

To address this, the establishment of a USTP campus in Barangay Lumbia, Cagayan de Oro City, is a strategic step toward expanding access to higher education. Barangay Lumbia is an ideal location due to its accessibility to various barangays within the First Legislative District of Cagayan de Oro. A new campus

will provide students with more opportunities to pursue quality education without the burden of long commutes or relocation.

The proposed USTP Lumbia Campus will meet the increasing demand for science and technology education and contribute to regional socio-economic growth. By establishing this campus, the government reaffirms its commitment to inclusive education, ensuring that every Kagay-anon has the opportunity to acquire the skills needed for a better future.

In light of the preceding, this bill's approval is fervently sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “University of
2 Science and Technology of Southern Philippines-Lumbia Campus Act”.

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4 **SEC. 2.** There is hereby established a campus of the University of Science
5 and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) in Barangay Lumbia, City of
6 Cagayan De Oro, Province of Misamis Oriental, which shall be known as the
7 University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines-Lumbia Campus.

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9 **SEC. 3.** The USTSP-Lumbia Campus shall primarily provide short-term,
10 technical- vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of
11 competency and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to
12 as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and
13 those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province
14 of Misamis Oriental and Region X.

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1 The USTSP-Lumbia Campus is also mandated to undertake research and
2 extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic
3 development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.
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5 **SEC. 4.** The USTSP-Lumbia Campus shall be headed by a Campus
6 Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the
7 Board, subject to qualifications standards prescribed by the Board, and based on
8 the recommendation of the search committee duly constituted for the purpose
9 of selecting the Campus Administrator.
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11 **SEC. 5.** The USTSP-Lumbia Campus shall comply with the minimum
12 requirements for its operation and program offerings, as prescribed by the
13 Commission on Higher Education.
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15 **SEC. 6.** All liabilities and obligations shall be in the name of the USTSP and
16 the personnel, records and assets, both real and personal, including all parcels
17 of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the USTSP-Lumbia
18 Campus shall be titled under the USTSP: Provided, That should the campus cease
19 to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no
20 longer needed by the USTSP, the same shall revert to the concerned local
21 government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.
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23 **SEC. 7.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the
24 “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.
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26 **SEC. 8.** The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act
27 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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29 **SEC. 9.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid
30 or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain
31 in full force and effect.
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33 **SEC.10.** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
34 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
35 repealed or modified accordingly.
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37 **SEC. 11.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
38 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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40 *Approved,*