

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 971



Introduced by Representative Ivan Howard A. Guintu

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that “The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.” In order to effectively implement this constitutional mandate, Republic Act (RA) No. 7722 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994” was enacted. Among its objectives is to ensure that state-supported institutions of higher learning shall gear their programs to national, regional or local development plans.

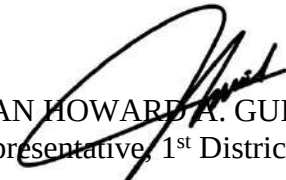
Subsequently, RA 8292 or the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997” was enacted with the objective of establishing, maintaining, and supporting a complete and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the society. Specifically, this law aims to modify the governing boards of chartered SUCs in order to achieve the following: (a) achieve a more coordinated and integrated system of higher education; (b) render them more effective in the formulation and implementation of policies on higher education; (c) provide for more relevant direction in their governance; and ultimately, (d) ensure the enjoyment of academic freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution.

Capiz State University (CapSU), as a chartered SUC, is mandated to comply with these policies to ensure the delivery of accessible and quality higher education to all.

However, during budget deliberations for SUCs, CapSU continues to encounter funding challenges for its other campuses and satellite colleges. DBM maintained that the charter of CapSU, RA 9273, only explicitly recognizes the campuses in Roxas City, and Mambusao, Poblacion. Funding support for the other campuses--such as those in Dayao, Pilar, Dumarao, Sigma, and Tapaz--has been constrained due to their absence in writing in the charter. DBM therefore recommended the explicit inclusion of these campuses in the charter in order to ensure their eligibility for funding in the yearly General Appropriations Act. CapSU’s lack of funding for its other campuses hinders its capacity to effectively provide quality and accessible education to its enrolled and prospective students.

To remedy the challenge encountered by the other campuses and satellite colleges of CapSU, this measure seeks to amend Section 1 of RA 9273, otherwise known as “An Act Converting the Panay State Polytechnic College in the Province of Capiz into a State University to be known as the Capiz State University (CapSU) and Appropriating Funds Therefor,” by explicitly including all ten (10) administrative and satellite campuses of CapSU in the said Act.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE CAPIZ STATE UNIVERSITY
REGULAR CAMPUSES IN THE UNIVERSITY CHARTER

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Capiz State University (CapSU) in the Province of Capiz shall be composed of the
2 following regular campuses: CapSU-Roxas City Campus located in the City of Roxas; CapSU-
3 Poblacion Mambusao Campus in the Municipality of Mambusao; CapSU-Burias Campus in the
4 Municipality of Mambusao; CapSU-Pontevedra Campus in the Municipality of Pontevedra; CapSU-
5 Dayao Campus in the City of Roxas; CapSU-Pilar Campus in the Municipality of Pilar; CapSU-
6 Dumarao Campus in the Municipality of Dumarao; CapSU-Sigma Campus in the Municipality of
7 Sigma; CapSU-Tapaz Campus in the Municipality of Tapaz; and CapSU-Sapian Campus in the
8 Municipality of Sapian, all in the Province of Capiz. Its main campus shall be in Roxas City, Province
9 of Capiz.

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11 **SEC. 2.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education
12 Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.
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14 **SEC. 3.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the
15 Commission on Higher Education, issue rules and regulations to implement its provisions.
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17 **SEC. 4.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the
18 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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20 **SEC. 5.** Republic Act No. 9273 entitled “An Act Converting the Panay State Polytechnic College in the
21 Province of Capiz into a State University to be Known as the Capiz State University (CapSU) and
22 Appropriating Funds Therefor” and all other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and
23 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified
24 accordingly.
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26 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a
27 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

