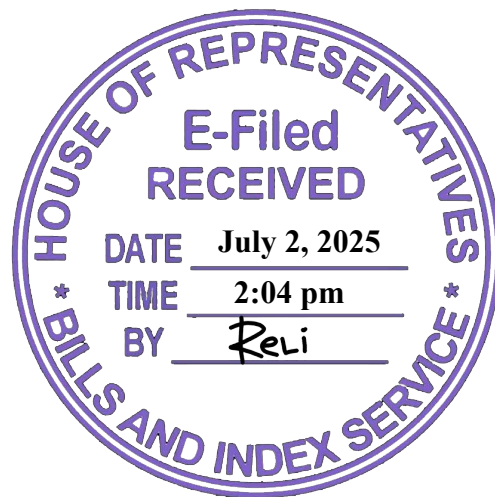




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a cornerstone of national development, and it is the duty of the State to ensure that quality and accessible higher education is made available to all Filipinos. Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution, the State is mandated to "protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all".

Bukidnon State University (BukSU), in pursuit of this mandate, has established satellite campuses across the Province of Bukidnon to bring higher education closer to students. However, these satellite campuses, being independently administered by BukSU poses challenges such as limited administrative authority and resources, which constrain their capacity to expand programs, improve infrastructure, and deliver quality services.

This bill seeks to convert the satellite campuses in the municipalities of Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Talakag, Cabanglasan, Impasug-ong, San Fernando, Damulog, Kadingilan, Kitaotao, Quezon, and Kalilangan, into regular campuses of BukSu. When converted into a regular campus, the former satellite campuses will gain administrative and fiscal autonomy necessary to manage its own operations efficiently, improve delivery of academic programs and student services, receive direct budget support from the national government; and expand its role as a center of innovation and development for the local community. In addition, this bill also mandates each campus to provide undergraduate and graduate courses, and short term technical-vocational programs within their area of competency and specialization.

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

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SATELLITE CAMPUSES OF BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY
IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BAUNGON, LIBONA, MALITBOG, TALAKAG,
CABANGLASAN, IMPASUG-ONG, SAN FERNANDO, DAMULOG, KADINGILAN,
KITAOTAO, QUEZON, AND KALILANGAN, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, INTO
REGULAR CAMPUSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The satellite campuses of the Bukidnon State University (BukSU) located in the Municipalities of Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Talakag, Cabanglasan, Impasug-ong, San Fernando, Damulog, Kadingilan, Kitaotao, Quezon, and Kalilangan are hereby converted into regular campuses of the BSU to be known as “*BukSU-Baungon Campus, BukSU-Libona Campus, BukSU-Malitbog Campus, BukSU-Talakag Campus, BukSU-Cabanglasan Campus, BukSU-Impasug-ong Campus, BukSU-San Fernando Campus, BukSU-Damulog Campus, BukSU-Kadingilan Campus, BukSU-Kitaotao Campus, BukSU Quezon Campus, and BukSU-Kalilangan Campus*”, respectively.

SEC. 2. Each converted campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competencies and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the BukSU, and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Bukidnon and Region X. It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in these areas;

SEC. 3. All of the converted campuses shall each be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualification standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.

SEC. 4. The BukSU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the converted campuses, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.

SEC. 5. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of each of the converted campuses, as well as their liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after the BukSU. All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the BukSU campuses in the municipalities of Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Talakag, Cabanglasan, Impasug-ong, San Fernando, Damulog, Kadingilan, Kitaotao, Quezon, and Kalilangan in the Province of Bukidnon

shall be the property of the BukSU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campuses cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the BSU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 6. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). The municipalities wherein the converted campus is located shall continue to provide funding assistance for the operations of the BukSU campuses in their respective municipalities until such time that the amount necessary for its continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual GAA.

SEC. 8. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.