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House Bill No. **3136**

Introduced by **HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER SHEEN P. GONZALES**
HONORABLE MARCELINO C. LIBANAN

AN
ACT CONVERTING THE ARTECHE CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY (ESSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE, IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Satellite Campus of the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) in the Municipality of Arteche, Eastern Samar, into a regular campus to be known as the Eastern Samar State University-Arteche Campus (ESSU-Arteche Campus), in line with the mandate of the State to make education accessible to all.

The 1987 Constitution mandates the provision of an accessible quality education for all citizens. Section 1 of ARTICLE XIV states:

"ARTICLE XIV
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ARTS, CULTURE
AND SPORTS

EDUCATION

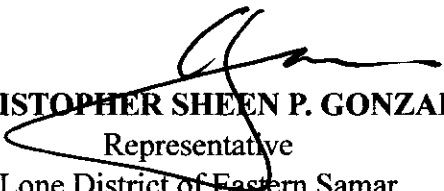
Section 1. The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

Republic Act No. 9312 (RA 9312), passed into law on August 07, 2004, converted the Eastern Samar State College into a State University, known as the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU), and integrating therewith the Maydolong National Agricultural School.

The General Mandate of ESSU is to primarily provide advanced education, higher technology, professional instruction and training in the fields of industry computer and information technology, forestry, and environmental sciences, agricultural and veterinary medicine, fishery, medicine, and other related fields of study. It shall also promote research and extension services progressive leadership in the areas of specialization.

In accordance with the aforementioned mandate of the State and the ESSU, the conversion of the abovementioned satellite campus into a regular campus will provide the residents of the Municipality of Arteche, in the Province of Eastern Samar and other neighboring municipalities, with access to quality and affordable tertiary education.

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



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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Eastern Samar State University Artech Campus Act”.

SECTION 2. There shall be established a regular campus of the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) to be located in the Municipality of Artech, in the Province of Eastern Samar, and to be known as the ESSU-Artech Campus.

SECTION 3. The ESSU-Artech Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, and according to its capability, 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 Eastern Samar and Region VIII. It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SECTION 4. The ESSU-Artech Campus shall 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.

SECTION 5. The ESSU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the ESSU-Arteche Campus, including but not limited to those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.

SECTION 6. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the ESSU Arteche Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after the ESSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the ESSU Arteche Campus shall be the property of the ESSU, and shall be titled under its name: Provided, That should the campus cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the ESSU, the same shall revert to the Municipality of Arteche, or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SECTION 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

SECTION 8. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 9. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

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 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,