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2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
3 Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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5 **TWENTIETH CONGRESS**
6 First Regular Session
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9 **HOUSE BILL NO. 3320**
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12 Introduced by Representative VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO
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15 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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17 This bill seeks to establish a regular campus of the Cebu Normal University in the
18 municipality of Catmon, Province of Cebu, to be known as the Cebu Normal University - Catmon
19 Campus, and appropriating funds therefor.
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21 The proposed measure is similar to House Bill No. 11063, which was previously filed in
22 the 19th Congress. It was transmitted to the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education.
23 However, up to the present, the proposal has not materialized.
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25 Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and
26 promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps
27 to make such education accessible to all. Further, Section 2 (1) of the same Constitution provides
28 that the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of
29 education relevant to the needs of the people and society.
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31 Cebu Normal University (CNU) is a higher education institution duly organized and
32 existing by virtue of Republic Act No. 8688, otherwise known as the Cebu Normal University
33 Charter. It was established in 1902 as a provincial normal school and a branch of the Philippine
34 Normal School. It became an independent institution in 1924, a chartered college in 1976, and a
35 university in 1998. CNU is one of the oldest educational institutions in Cebu. Currently, CNU has
36 three campuses, the main campus in Osmeña Boulevard, Cebu City and two extension campuses
37 in Medellin and Balamban.
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39 Last May 24, 2024, CNU President Daniel A. Ariaso Sr. and Catmon Mayor Avis G.
40 Monleon signed a Memorandum of Agreement providing for the terms and conditions for the
41 establishment of the CNU-Catmon Campus at Barangay Panalipan, Municipality of Catmon,
42 Province of Cebu, subject to the favorable results of feasibility studies.
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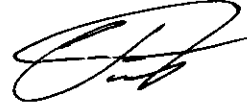
44 Catmon is a 4th class municipality in the province of Cebu, with a total population of 33,745
45 residing in its 20 barangays, and a total land area of 109.64 square kilometers as per the 2020

1 Philippine National Census. It is home to industries in need of technical instruction, such as fruit
2 farming, and nature tourism, among others.

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4 Establishing a CNU Campus in Catmon will greatly benefit the families of students living
5 in far-flung areas of the Province of Cebu. Not only will it provide savings in tuition and other fees
6 to the residents, but more importantly, it will fulfil the State's policy to provide access to quality
7 tertiary education for all.

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9 In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

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15 **AN ACT**
16 **ESTABLISHING AN EXTERNAL CAMPUS OF THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY**
17 **IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATMON, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS**
18 **THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY – CATMON CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING**
19 **FUNDS THEREFOR**
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21 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
22 *assembled:*
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24 **SECTION 1.** Short Title. – This Act shall be known as “Cebu Normal University – Catmon
25 Campus Act.”
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27 **SEC. 2.** Declaration of Policy. – It is the declared policy of the State to establish, maintain,
28 and support a complete adequate and integrated system of higher education relevant to the ever-
29 changing needs of the people and society with primary focus on quality research and development
30 and higher education leading to medical, nursing, and healthcare programs.
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32 The State recognizes that the education sector is an essential element for the attainment of
33 sustained national and local development and progress.
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35 Therefore, the State shall establish, promote and support centers and programs leading to
36 the realization of this objective, such as scholarship programs, improvement of the quality of
37 education, popularization and sustainability of higher education programs directed towards the
38 development, promotion, and continual enhancements of the knowledge, competences, skills, and
39 potentials of the young populace and learners in various fields of specialization.
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41 In the realization of the foregoing, the State shall also provide adequate resources in the
42 implementation and sustainability of higher education institutions (HEIs) campuses with
43 distinctive operational efficiency, effectiveness and productivity that develops, utilizes and
44 maintains state-of-the-art technologies and sound architecture infrastructures to ensure meaningful
45 student experience and establishing conducive working environment to the officials, faculty, non-
46 teaching personnel, students and clients.

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2 **SEC. 3.** Establishment of the CNU-Catmon Campus. – There is hereby established an
3 external campus of the Cebu Normal University in the Municipality of Catmon, which shall be
4 known as “Cebu Normal University-Catmon Campus or CNU-CC.”
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6 **SEC. 4.** General Mandate. – The CNU-Catmon Campus shall offer undergraduate and
7 graduate courses such as, but not limited to, education, tourism, science and technology,
8 agriculture, information and communications technology (ICT), nautical, maritime education,
9 artificial intelligence, data management, special needs education, early childhood, lifelong
10 learning, forestry, environmental protection and conservation, livelihood technology education,
11 criminology, foresight and futures management, real estate management, food technology
12 innovation and incubation, marine sciences, fishery, utilities and logistics, energy such, but not
13 limited to, renewable energy and petroleum engineering, disaster risk reduction and management,
14 and such programs within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandates of
15 the CNU, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the
16 Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to
17 the human resources development needs of the Province of Cebu and the Central Visayas Region.
18 It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in support of the socioeconomic
19 development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.
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21 **SEC. 5.** Supervision and Management. – The University President shall have overall
22 supervision and management of the CNU-Catmon Campus. The Campus shall be headed by a
23 Campus Director who shall be appointed/designated by the Board, subject to its guidelines,
24 qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of the Search Committee duly
25 constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director: provided, That pending the
26 submission of the report by the Search Committee duly constituted by the Board, the University
27 President shall designate from among the faculty members or employees of the University to serve
28 as the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Campus Director or in acting capacity subject to the confirmation
29 by the Board and applicable policies of the Civil Service Commission. Provided, however, that in
30 order to ensure smooth transition, the incumbent designated Campus Director of CNU-Catmon
31 Campus, if qualified, shall serve as the first Campus Director, subject to the pertinent provisions
32 of the University Code and policies promulgated by the Board.
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34 The Campus Director shall be assisted by a Dean who shall be appointed or designated
35 with the duties and functions determined by the University President, subject to the confirmation
36 by the Board.
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38 **SEC. 6.** Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher Education
39 (CHED). – The CNU shall ensure compliance with of the CNU-Catmon Campus with the policies,
40 standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation of the campus, including those related to
41 the offering of courses and the introduction of the new or revised programs prior to the effectivity
42 of this Act.
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44 **SEC. 7.** Management of Personnel, Assets, Liabilities, and Records. – All assets, both real
45 and personal, personnel, and records of the CNU-Catmon Campus, as well as its liabilities or
46 obligations, shall be transferred to CNU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty

1 members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the effectivity of this Act
2 shall be respected.
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4 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the CNU-Catmon Campus
5 shall be transferred to the CNU: Provided, that should the CNU-Catmon Campus or the CNU cease
6 to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the
7 CNU, the same shall revert to the local government concerned or the Republic of the Philippines,
8 as the case may be.
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10 **SEC. 8.** Suppletory Application. – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise
11 known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.
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13 **SEC. 9.** Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
14 shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).
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16 The Municipality of Catmon shall continue to provide assistance to the CNU-Catmon
17 Campus until such time that the amount necessary for the operation and maintenance of the CNU-
18 Catmon Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.
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20 **SEC. 10.** Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the approval
21 of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, shall issue rules and regulations to
22 implement its provisions.
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24 **SEC. 11.** Separability Clause. – If for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is
25 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force
26 and effect.
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28 **SEC. 12.** Repealing Clause. – All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules
29 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified
30 accordingly.
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32 **SEC. 13.** Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
33 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
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35 Approved,
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