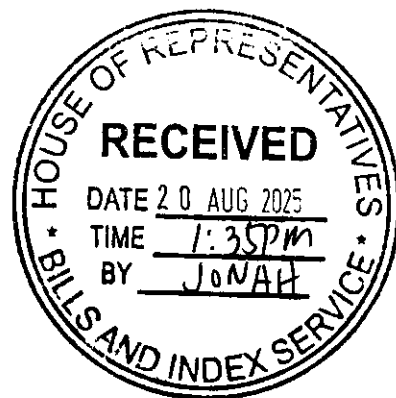


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TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3884



Introduced by Representatives Daphne A. Lagon and Sonny L. Lagon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Cordova Public College (CPC) in the Municipality of Cordova, Cebu, into a regular campus of the Cebu Technological University (CTU) to be known as the CTU-Cordova Campus.

Cordova is a thriving municipality of seventy-two thousand nine hundred fifteen (72,915) residents based on the 2024 census. It attained first-income class status in early 2024 with a fast-growing local economy.

Cordova, however, has only one institution of higher education. It has no privately-owned college or university and many of its youths pursue tertiary education in Mandaue and Cebu cities. For those who cannot afford the expenses, the Cordova Public College is the only choice for them to complete a college degree.

Despite budgetary constraints and CPC's constantly-rising student population, the Municipal Government of Cordova has been struggling very hard to provide for the school's yearly budget. Doing so, however, has perennially strained its resources to implement other meaningful programs for its residents.

Based on the above premises, it is ideal that the Cordova Public College be integrated into the Cebu Technological University, primarily to enhance its financial viability and its level of instruction. Secondly, it will free up much needed resources of the municipal government which it can utilize for other equally important programs and projects that will redound to the benefit of Cordova's general population.

A similar measure was approved by the House during the 19th Congress but was not acted upon by the Senate in a timely manner. Hence, the prompt approval of this measure is earnestly sought and recommended.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CORDOVA PUBLIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CEBU
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the “*Cebu Technological University (CTU)- Cordova Campus Act*”.

SEC. 2. *Conversion into a Regular Campus.* – The Cordova Public College located in the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu, is converted into a regular campus of the CTU to be known as the “*CTU-Cordova Campus*”.

SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The CTU- Cordova Campus shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the CTU, and according to its capability as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Cebu and the Central Visayas Region. It shall also be mandated to undertake research and extension services in support of national socioeconomic development objectives and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. *Supervision and Management.* – The CTU-Cordova Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board subject to its guidelines, qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of a Search Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

SEC. 5. *Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).* – The CTU shall ensure the compliance of the Cordova Public College with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation of a regular campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised programs prior to its conversion as a regular campus.

SEC. 6. *Management of Personnel , Assets and Records.* – All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the Cordova Public College as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the CTU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Cordova Public College shall be transferred to the CTU-Cordova Campus: *Provided*, That should the campus or the CTU ceases to exist or be abolished, such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the CTU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* – 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. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – 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.

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