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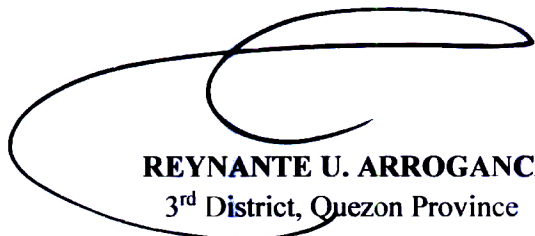
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall likewise take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

The Southern Luzon State University – Catanaun Extension campus caters to poor and qualified youth residents not only from the Municipality of Catanaun but to other nearby localities such as Mulanay, San Narciso, Buenavista, San Francisco and General Luna, including municipalities from other districts and provinces such as Alabat and Marinduque, among others. In order to make tertiary education more accessible to the people in Bondoc Peninsula, Quezon, as well as the neighboring municipalities, this bill seeks to convert the Southern Luzon State University – Catanaun Extension campus into a regular campus, to be known as Southern Luzon State University – Catanaun.

The proposed conversion to a regular campus would help in guaranteeing the accessibility and equal opportunity to modern quality education while aiming to be a catalyst in the pursuit of academic excellence in industrial, technological, agricultural, and professional fields to meet the skills and knowledge needed to improve their economic opportunities towards the socio-economic development of the country.

This bill has been filed in the previous Congress and it is hoped that in the 20th Congress, it will finally be enacted into law. In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANAUAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** This act shall be known as the “Southern Luzon State University –
2 Catanauan Campus Act”.

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4 **SEC. 2. *Conversion into a Regular Campus.*** The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) –
5 Catanauan Extension Campus located in the Municipality of Catanauan, Province of Quezon, is
6 converted into a regular campus of the SLSU to be known as the “SLSU-Catanauan Campus.”
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8 **SEC. 3. *General Mandate.*** The SLSU-Catanauan Campus shall offer undergraduate and graduate
9 courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the SLSU
10 and according to its capability as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may
11 deem necessary to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Quezon
12 and CALABARZON Region.
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14 The SLSU-Catanauan is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in
15 support of the socio-economic development of the Province of Quezon and to provide progressive
16 leadership in these areas.
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18 **SEC. 4. *Supervision and Management of SLSU-Catanauan Campus.*** The SLSU-Catanauan
19 Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board, subject to its
20 guidelines, qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of a Search Committee
21 duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.
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23 **SEC. 5. *Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).***
24 - The SLSU shall ensure the compliance of the SLSU-Catanauan Campus with the policies,
25 standards, and guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of a
26 regular campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or
27 revised programs prior to its conversion.

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29 **SEC. 6. *Management of Personnel, Assets and Records of the Campus.*** - All assets, both real
30 and personal, personnel, and records of the SLSU-Catanauan Campus, as well as its liabilities or
31 obligations, shall be transferred to the SLSU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty
32 members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular
33 campus shall be respected.

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35 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the SLSU-Catanauan Campus
36 shall be transferred to the SLSU: *Provided*, That should the Campus or the SLSU cease to exist or
37 be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the SLSU, the
38 same shall revert to the local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case
39 may be.

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41 **SEC. 7. *Appropriations.*** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
42 included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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44 **SEC. 8. *Supplementary Application.*** - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as
45 the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

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47 **SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of
48 this Act, the Board, in consultation with CHED, shall determine the implementing rules and
49 regulations to fully implement its provisions.

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51 **SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.*** - If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared
52 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force
53 and effect.

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55 **SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.*** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
56 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified
57 accordingly.

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

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62 *Approved,*