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HOUSE BILL NO. **4249**



Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE, 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.

Republic Act No. 9312 was passed into law on August 07, 2004, which provided for the conversion of the Eastern Samar State College into a State University, known as the Eastern Samar State University, and integrating therewith the Maydolong National Agricultural School.

Under the said law, it is the mandate of the University to provide advanced education, higher technological, professional instruction, and training in the fields of industry, computer and information technology, forestry, and environmental sciences, agriculture and veterinary medicine, fishery, medicine and related sciences, engineering, education, law, arts and sciences, and other related fields of study.

In line with this, the conversion of the 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.

This measure was approved by the House on Third Reading during the 19th Congress.

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



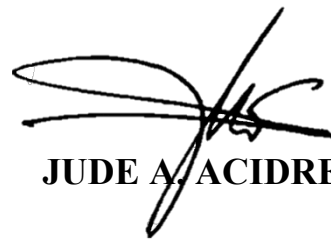
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

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

SEC. 2. The Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) shall convert its extension campus located in the Municipality of Arteche, Province of Eastern Samar, into a regular campus to be known as the ESSU-Arteche Campus.

SEC. 3. The ESSU-Arteche Campus shall offer short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competencies and specialization, 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 Eastern Samar and Region VIII.

The ESSU-Arteche Campus is also mandated to undertake research, extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. The ESSU-Arteche Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the qualification standards prescribed by the Board, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.

SEC. 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 those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.

SEC. 6. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the ESSU-Arteche Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the ESSU. 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 ESSU-Arteche Campus shall be transferred to the ESSU: *Provided*, That should the campus or the ESSU 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.

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

The Municipality of Arteche shall provide financial assistance to the ESSU extension campus to be converted into a regular campus until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the ESSU-Arteche Campus is included in the annual GAA.

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

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

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

Approved,