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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Samar State University (SSU), being the premier state university in the province, serves as the primary institution providing education and training to thousands of students from Samar and neighboring provinces.

However, the University’s facilities, laboratories, and research centers are in need of significant upgrading to meet modern educational and research standards. Furthermore, many municipalities in Samar remain underserved, with students forced to travel long distances to access higher education opportunities.

This bill seeks to address these gaps through the modernization and expansion of SSU, mandating a multi-year funding program to upgrade facilities and strengthen academic programs. Importantly, this measure also establishes satellite campuses in key municipalities to extend access to higher education across Samar.

The enactment of this measure will help ensure that students in Samar are provided with the opportunity to pursue quality education without leaving their home province, while also strengthening the region’s capacity for research, innovation, and healthcare delivery.

Approval of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT MODERNIZING AND EXPANDING THE SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY (SSU), PROVIDING FOR A MULTI-YEAR FUNDING PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING SATELLITE CAMPUSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the “Samar State University (SSU) Modernization and Expansion Act.”

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote accessible, inclusive, and high-quality education by strengthening higher education institutions. Toward this end, the State shall provide sufficient funding to modernize Samar State University (SSU), expand its facilities and academic offerings, and establish satellite campuses to improve access to higher education.

**SECTION 3. Multi-Year Funding.** — The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). A multi-year funding program shall be appropriated to ensure the sustained modernization and expansion of SSU. This fund shall also cover the establishment of SSU satellite campuses.

**SECTION 4. Establishment of Satellite Campuses.** — The Board of Regents of SSU is hereby mandated to identify strategic municipalities in Samar Province for the establishment of satellite campuses, prioritizing areas with limited access to higher education.

**SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).** — Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in coordination with the SSU Board of Regents, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and other concerned agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 6. Separability Clause.** - If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts not affected thereby shall continue to be valid and operational.

**SECTION 7. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, circulars, rules or regulations, and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*