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Introduced by Representatives DE CARLO "OYO" L. UY and JOSE MANUEL "JM" F. LAGDAMEO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7879, enacted on 14 February 1995, established the Davao del Norte State College (DNSC) by converting the former Davao Regional Institute of Fisheries Technology (DRIFT) in Panabo City into the DNSC.

Pursuant to DNSC's primary mandate to provide higher professional, technical, and special instruction in fisheries, marine sciences, agriculture, education, and other related fields, the proposed measure seeks to spearhead innovations and development in the fisheries industry in Mindanao.

From its humble beginnings as the Davao del Norte School of Fisheries (DaNSoF) to DRIFT in the 1960s, the DNSC has since expanded its academic portfolio to include programs in teacher education, information technology, business, public administration, and environmental studies. Since then, it has gained recognition for its leadership in fisheries and marine sciences, its track record in producing board topnotchers, and its active partnerships with local government units, civil society, and international institutions. Through research, extension programs, and technology transfer, DNSC has consistently supported the development of coastal communities, farmers, and fisherfolk in Davao del Norte and nearby provinces.

The proposed measure seeks to convert DNSC into the Davao del Norte State University (DNSU). University status is necessary to empower the institution to expand its graduate and postgraduate programs, intensify its research and development agenda, and enhance its industry linkages to support regional innovation ecosystems. With greater academic freedom and fiscal autonomy, DNSU will be better positioned to contribute to human capital formation, generate locally responsive solutions, and promote inclusive growth in Mindanao.

In taking this step, DNSC affirms its willingness and preparedness to shoulder the responsibilities of a state university by further professionalizing its faculty, upgrading its facilities, and broadening its academic and research networks.

This bill was previously introduced by Representative Alan "Aldu" R. Dujali of the 19th Congress, where it advanced to Third Reading but was not enacted into law.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought to ensure continuity and to address the needs of our constituents.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE IN PANABO CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Conversion.*** – The Davao del Norte State College (DNSC) in Panabo City,
2 Province of Davao del Norte, including its campuses namely: DNSC-Datu Jose A. Libayao in
3 Barangay Sto. Niño, Municipality of Talaingod; DNSC-Carmen Campus in Barangay Ising,
4 Municipality of Carmen; DNSC-Santo Tomas Campus in Barangay Tibal-og, Municipality of
5 Santo Tomas; DNSC-Island Garden City of Samal Campus in Barangay Libuak, Island Garden
6 City of Samal, all located in the Province of Davao del Norte, is hereby converted into a State
7 University to be known as the "Davao del Norte State University (DNSU)". Its main campus
8 shall be located in Panabo City, Davao del Norte.

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10 **SECTION 2. *General Mandate.*** – The DNSU shall primarily provide advanced instruction
11 and professional training in education, engineering, art and science, fisheries, health sciences,
12 allied medical programs, and other relevant fields of study. It shall promote research and
13 extension services, and production activities and shall provide progressive leadership in its
14 areas of specialization.

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16 **SECTION 3. *Curricular Offerings.*** – The DNSU shall offer undergraduate and graduate
17 courses in the fields of agriculture, education, engineering, fisheries, forestry, arts and
18 humanities, science, information and communications technology, medical and health
19 sciences, and other degree courses, pursuant to the mandate of the DNSU, and according to
20 its capability, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and
21 those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Davao del
22 Norte and the entire Davao Region.

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24 **SECTION 4. *Administration.*** – The DNSU shall have the general powers of a corporation
25 set forth in Republic Act No. 11232, otherwise known as the "Revised Corporation Code of
26 the Philippines". The administration of the DNSU and the exercise of its corporate powers
27 shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents and the President of the DNSU.
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29 **SECTION 5. *The Board of Regents.*** – The governing body of the DNSU shall be the Board
30 of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be chaired by the Chairperson of
31 the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The President of the DNSU shall be the Vice
32 Chairperson of the Board and with the following as members:

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34 a) Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education of the
35 Senate;
36 b) Chairperson of the Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives;
37 c) Regional Director of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development;
38 d) Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST);
39 e) Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture (DA);
40 f) President of the federation of faculty associations of the DNSU;
41 g) President of the federation of student councils of the DNSU;
42 h) President of the federation of alumni associations of the DNSU;
43 i) Representative of the nonteaching or personnel association of the DNSU; and
44 j) Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished themselves
45 in their professions or fields of specialization.

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47 The Board shall appoint two (2) prominent citizens who shall be selected from a list of at
48 least five (5) qualified persons from the Province of Davao del Norte, as recommended by a
49 Search Committee constituted by the President of the DNSU, in consultation with the
50 Chairperson of the CHED and other members of the Board, based on the guidelines on
51 qualification standards for the position set by the Board. They shall serve for a term of two (2)
52 years from the date of the appointment.

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54 The terms of office of the Presidents of the federation of faculty associations, federation of
55 student councils, federation of alumni associations, and the Representative of the nonteaching
56 personnel shall be coterminous with their terms of office, as provided under their respective
57 constitutions and bylaws.

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59 **SECTION 6. *Powers and Duties of the Board.*** – The administration of the DNSU and the
60 exercise of its corporate powers are vested in the Board, which shall have the following
61 specific powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise
62 of all the powers granted to the Board of Directors of a Corporation under Section 35 of RA
63 11232:

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65 a) Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State policies on
66 education, other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on education, agriculture,
67 science and technology, and the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under
68 RA 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994";
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70 b) Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline drawn by
71 the Administrative and Academic Councils, as herein provided;
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73 c) Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the DNSU, the vice presidents,
74 chancellors, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and other
75 officials and employees of the DNSU;
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77 d) Prescribe the salaries of faculty members, administrative officials, and employees,
78 subject to the provisions of RA 11466, otherwise known as the "Salary Standardization
79 Law of 2019" and other laws amendatory thereto, Civil Service rules and regulations
80 governing hours of service and such other requirements and conditions, other pertinent
81 laws, rules and regulations;
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- 83 e) Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation fees,
84 graduation fees, and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, after
85 due consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and charges, including
86 government subsidies and other income generated by the DNSU, shall constitute its
87 special trust funds and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository
88 bank. All interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the
89 use of the DNSU.

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91 Any provision of existing law, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding,
92 any income generated by the DNSU from tuition fees and other charges, as well as
93 from the operation of auxiliary services and land grants, shall accrue to DNSU and
94 shall be utilized solely for academic, research, and extension programs, subject to
95 existing Commission on Audit (COA) rules and Regulations. Such income shall be
96 retained by the DNSU and may be disbursed by the Board for instruction, research,
97 extension services, and other programs or projects of the DNSU: *Provided*, That all
98 fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the specific purposes for which these are collected:
99 *Provided however*, That if, for reasons beyond its control, the DNSU shall not be able
100 to pursue any project for which the funds have been appropriated and allocated under
101 its approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize the use of said funds
102 for any reasonable purpose which, in its discretion, may be necessary and urgent for
103 the attainment of the objectives and goals of the DNSU;

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105 f) Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for greater
106 access of poor but deserving students in accordance with RA 10931, otherwise known
107 as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act";
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109 g) Establish professorial chairs in the DNSU and provide fellowships for qualified faculty
110 members, and scholarships to deserving students;
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112 h) Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided for by law for the support of the
113 DNSU, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry
114 out the purposes and functions of the DNSU;
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116 i) Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;
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118 j) Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding contributions
119 in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, sports and
120 human kinetics or any field of specialization within the academic competency of the
121 DNSU, and authorize the awarding of certificates of completion of nondegree and
122 nontraditional courses;
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124 k) Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with appropriate
125 institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign, and appoint experts
126 or specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting or exchange professors, scholars or
127 researchers, as the case may be;
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129 l) Adopt modern and innovative modes of transferring knowledge to allow greater access
130 to education such as the use of information technology, online programs, the dual
131 training system, open distance learning, and community laboratory;
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133 m) Absorb non-chartered tertiary education institutions within the Province of Davao del
134 Norte and Region XI as branches, extension campuses, and external centers, in
135 coordination with the CHED and in consultation with the Department of Budget and
136 Management (DBM), and offer therein programs or courses to carry out the
137 constitutional mandate of providing equal access to educational opportunities;

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139 n) Authorize an external management audit of the DNSU, to be financed by the CHED,
140 subject to the rules and regulations of the COA, and institute reforms, including
141 academic and structural changes, on the basis of the audit results and
142 recommendations;
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144 o) Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government units,
145 as well as public, private, local or foreign institutions and agencies for the furtherance
146 of the purposes and objectives of the DNSU;
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148 p) Import economic, technical, and cultural books and publications;
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150 q) Enter into joint ventures with business industry for the profitable growth and
151 management of economic assets, the proceeds of which shall be used for the
152 development and strengthening of the DNSU;
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154 r) Receive, in trust, all legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal properties of all
155 kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the benefit of the
156 DNSU and subject to the limitations, directions, and instructions of the donor, if any;
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158 s) Extend the term of the President of the DNSU beyond the age of retirement, but not
159 beyond the age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines on qualification standards set
160 by the Board: *Provided*, That the President's performance has been rated by the Board
161 as outstanding and a unanimous recommendation for such extension has been
162 decided upon by the Search Committee;
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164 t) Delegate any of its powers and duties to the President and other officials of the DNSU,
165 as may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of the
166 DNSU;
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168 u) Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent decision-
169 making within the DNSU;
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171 v) Where most advantageous to the DNSU, privatize the management of nonacademic
172 services such as health, food, building or grounds or property maintenance, and such
173 other similar activities;
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175 w) Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment and other
176 facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including the necessary
177 supplies, materials, and equipment; and
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179 x) Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes and
180 functions of the DNSU.
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182 **SECTION 7. Meetings of the Board.** – The Board shall regularly convene once every three
183 (3) months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special meeting whenever
184 necessary: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to the
185 conduct of said meeting.
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187 A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all its members holding office at
188 the time of the meeting: *Provided however*, That the Chairperson of the Board or the President
189 of the DNSU is among those present in the meeting.
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191 In case the Chairperson of the CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a CHED
192 Commissioner duly designated by Chairperson of the CHED as representative to the meeting,

193 shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member: *Provided*, That during the
194 meeting, the President of the DNSU, as Vice Chairperson, shall be the presiding officer:
195 *Provided further*, That this provision notwithstanding, the Chairperson of the CHED may
196 designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular Chairperson of the Board, in which case, the
197 said CHED Commissioner shall act as the presiding officer.
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199 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and
200 Vocational Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education shall not
201 be able to attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective representatives who
202 shall have the same rights and responsibilities as regular members of the Board.
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204 The members of the Board shall serve without compensation other than
205 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their attendance to the
206 meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by resolutions
207 of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.
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209 **SECTION 8. *The University President.*** – The DNSU shall be headed by a President who
210 shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualification standards, and based
211 on the recommendation of a Search Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting
212 the President. The DNSU President shall render full-time service for a term of four (4) years,
213 and may be reappointed to another term.
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215 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent
216 President of the DNSU, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency.
217 The powers and duties of the President of the DNSU, in addition to those specifically provided
218 in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of universities and
219 those delegated by the Board.
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221 The salary of the President of the DNSU shall be in accordance with RA 11466,
222 otherwise known as the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019", and such other laws
223 amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and on the joint circular for state
224 universities and colleges' leveling instruments, and guidelines of the CHED and the DBM.
225 In case of vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
226 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of the
227 office, the Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the DNSU, pending the
228 appointment of a new President: *Provided*, That the OIC shall serve only during the unexpired
229 portion of the term.
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231 The President of the DNSU shall be assisted by the following officials: Vice President
232 for Academic Affairs; Vice President for Administration, Planning, and Finance; and Vice
233 President for Research, Development, and Extension. They shall all be appointed by the
234 Board upon the recommendation of the President of the DNSU.
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236 **SECTION 9. *The Secretary of the DNSU.*** – The Board shall appoint a Secretary who shall
237 serve as such for both the Board and the DNSU and shall keep all records and proceedings
238 of the Board in addition to other duties and responsibilities. The Secretary of the DNSU shall
239 serve upon each member of the Board the appropriate notice of Board meetings.
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241 **SECTION 10. *The Treasurer of the DNSU.*** – The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be the
242 ex officio Treasurer of the DNSU.
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244 **SECTION 11. *The Administrative Council.*** – There shall be an Administrative Council
245 consisting of the President of the DNSU, as Chairperson, and the vice-president, deans,
246 director, and other officials of equal rank, as members, whose duty is to review and

247 recommend to the Board such policies governing the administration, management, and
248 development planning of the DNSU.
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250 **SECTION 12. *The Academic Council.*** – There shall be an Academic Council consisting of
251 the President of the DNSU, as Chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an
252 assistant professor, as members, which shall formulate academic policies.
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254 The Academic Council shall review and recommend the curricular offerings and rules
255 on student discipline, fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their
256 graduation and conferment of degrees, exercise disciplinary power over the students and
257 formulate rules and regulations on student discipline, subject to the review and approval of the
258 Board through the President of the DNSU.
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260 It shall have disciplinary power over the students of the DNSU and shall formulate rules
261 and regulations on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.
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263 **SECTION 13. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** The DNSU shall enjoy
264 academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article
265 XIV of the Constitution.
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267 **SECTION 14. *The Faculty.*** – No political belief, gender preference, cultural or community
268 affiliation, ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the
269 appointment of faculty members of the DNSU: *Provided*, That the appointment shall be subject
270 to the guidelines on qualification standards set by the Board: *Provided further*, That a member
271 of the faculty shall not criticize, vouch for, recruit members in behalf of, or preach about any
272 particular church or religious sect.
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274 **SECTION 15. *Heads of Campuses.*** – The Campus Directors shall serve as heads or
275 administrators of their respective DNSU's campuses and render full-time service. They shall
276 be appointed or designated by the Board, upon recommendation of the Search Committee
277 and the DNSU President, subject to the guidelines on qualification standards set by the Board:
278 *Provided*, That upon the effectivity of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the existing
279 campuses of the DNSU shall continue to serve as such.
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281 **SECTION 16. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The DNSU shall provide
282 scholarship programs and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving
283 students who qualify for admission to the DNSU. No student shall be denied admission to the
284 University by reason of sex, religion, political, cultural or community affiliation, and ethnic
285 origin.
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287 **SECTION 17. *Authority to Loan or Transfer of Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies, and***
288 ***Detail of Personnel.*** - The heads of the national government agencies and instrumentalities
289 may, upon the request of the Board through the DNSU President, are hereby authorized to
290 loan or transfer such apparatus, equipment, or supplies as may be needed by the DNSU and
291 to detail employees for duty therein: *Provided*, That such loan, transfer, or detail shall not be
292 detrimental to public service.
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294 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the
295 President of the DNSU and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their regular
296 service.
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298 **SECTION 18. *Authority to Engage in Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and Technology***
299 ***Commercialization.*** The DNSU shall be empowered to engage in PPP's consistent with R.A.
300 No. 11966, otherwise known as the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Code of the Philippines

301 and technology commercialization consistent with R.A. No. 10055, otherwise known as the
302 Philippine Technology Transfer Act of 2009.

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304 **SECTION 19. Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.** All assets, both real and personal,
305 personnel and records of the DNSC, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred
306 to the DNSU: *Provided*, That the positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members
307 and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a university
308 shall be respected.

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310 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the DNSC are declared
311 as property of the DNSU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the DNSU
312 cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer
313 needed by the DNSU, ownership thereof shall revert to the local government unit having
314 territorial jurisdiction, or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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316 **SECTION 20. Duty and Tax Exemptions.** – Subject to the provisions of the National Internal
317 Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, and RA 10863, otherwise known as the "Customs
318 Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)", as the case maybe:

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320 a) All revenues and assets of the DNSU used for educational purposes, or in support
321 thereof, shall be exempt from taxes and duties;
322 b) All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used
323 actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the DNSU, shall be
324 exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions
325 from gross income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in
326 accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as
327 amended;
328 c) Importation by the DNSU of economic, technical-vocational, scientific, philosophical,
329 historical, legal, and cultural books, supplies, and materials shall, upon certification by
330 the Board and the CHED, including scientific and educational computer and software
331 equipment, be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of RA
332 10863, otherwise known as the "CMTA";
333 d) The DNSU shall be exempt from the value-added tax as provided by Section 109(I)(H)
334 of the TAX Reform Act of 1997, as amended; and
335 e) All academic awards shall be exempt from taxes.

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337 **SECTION 21. Compliance with CHED Requirements.** – Notwithstanding the
338 provisions of this Act, the conversion of the DNSC to a state university shall become effective
339 only upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of
340 a panel of experts constituted for the purpose, that the DNSC has complied with the
341 requirements for a university status based on the CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, series
342 of 2012 or the Policy Standard to Enhance Quality Assurance in Philippine Higher Education
343 Through an Outcomes-Based and Typology-Based Quality Assurance: *Provided*, That the
344 panel may issue such recommendation when the DNSC has substantially complied with the
345 requirements for the grant of university status. *Provided further*, that the DNSC shall have a
346 maximum compliance period of five (5) years from the date of the effectivity of this Act.

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348 The following operational requirements for a university, as established by the CHED, shall be
349 complied with:

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351 a) Employment of full-time, permanent faculty members who possess relevant degrees
352 in their areas of specialization, as required by the CHED, and shall have participated
353 in research and development activities in their respective disciplines, as evidenced by
354 refereed publications and other scholarly outputs;

- 355 b) Offering of a comprehensive range of degree programs in all levels, from basic post-
356 secondary to doctoral programs;
- 357 c) Conduct of viable research programs in specific disciplinal and multidisciplinary areas
358 of study that produce new knowledge, as evidenced by refereed publications, citations,
359 inventions, and patents, among others;
- 360 d) Establishment of comprehensive learning resources and support structures, to include
361 libraries, practicum laboratories, relevant educational resources, and linkages with
362 relevant disciplinal and professional sectors, so as to allow students to explore basic,
363 advance, and even cutting-edge knowledge in a wide range of disciplines or
364 professions;
- 365 e) Maintenance of linkages and affiliation with other research institutions in various parts
366 of the world to ensure that the research activities of the DNSU are functioning at current
367 global standards; and
- 368 f) Conduct of outreach activities to allow the students, faculty, and research staff to apply
369 the new knowledge they generate to address specific social development problems.

371 The CHED, through its regional office, shall regularly provide technical assistance to the
372 DNSU and monitor its compliance with the requirements of the CHED.

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374 The DNSC shall retain its status prior to the effectivity of thus Act until it is able to comply
375 with the requirements provided herein.

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377 **SECTION 22. *Development Plan and Organizational Structure.*** – Within one hundred
378 twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the DNSU shall accomplish the following:

- 379 a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget
380 to the CHED and the DBM;
- 381 b) Submit the revised Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) in
382 accordance with RA 11396, otherwise known as the "SUCs LUDIP Act";
- 383 c) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
- 384 d) Set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic structure, including the
385 designation of the key officials and other administrative personnel of the DNSU.

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388 **SECTION 23. *Filing of Report.*** – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second (2nd)
389 month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file a detailed report on
390 its compliance with the requirements for a university status with the Office of the President of
391 the Philippines and both Houses of Congress, through the Chairperson of the CHED.

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393 **SECTION 24. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of RA 8292, otherwise known as
394 the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall be an integral part of this Act and
395 shall serve as part of the Governing Charter of the University.

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398 **SECTION 25. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this
399 Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DNSC. Thereafter, such
400 sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the University
401 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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403 **SECTION 26. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
404 approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations
405 to implement its provisions.

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407 **SECTION 27. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is
408 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full
409 force and effect.

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411 **SECTION 28. *Repealing Clause.*** – RA No. 5876, "An Act Establishing a School of Fisheries
412 in the Municipality of Panabo, Province of Davao, to be Known as the Davao del Norte School
413 of Fisheries and Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor", RA No. 7879, "An Act
414 Converting the Davao Regional Institute of Fisheries Technology in the Municipality of
415 Panabo, Province of Davao, into a State College, to be Known as the Davao del Norte State
416 College, and Appropriating Funds Therefor", RA No. 11855, "An Act Establishing Campuses
417 of the Davao del Norte State College (DNSC) in the Municipalities of Carmen and Sto. Tomas,
418 and in the Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte, to be Known
419 Respectively as the DNSC-Carmen Campus, DNSC-Sto. Tomas Campus, and DNSC-Island
420 Garden City of Samal (IGACOS) Campus, and Appropriating Funds Therefor", and all other
421 laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or
422 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

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424 **SECTION 29. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
425 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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427 *Approved,*