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House Bill No. 6209



Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE NUEVA ECIJA UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE
OF NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST) was created through the promulgation of Republic Act No. 8612, which converted the Central Luzon Polytechnic College into a specialized university that is one of the two state universities in the Province of Nueva Ecija. The higher education institution is mandated to primarily provide advanced instruction, professional training in arts, science and technology, education, and other related fields; undertake research and extension services, and provide progressive leadership in these areas; and to offer graduate, undergraduate, and short-term technical courses within areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, considering the needs of the province, the region, and the country.

This bill seeks to enhance access to quality education for students in the First District of Nueva Ecija through the establishment of a regular campus of the NEUST in the Municipality of Cuyapo. As one of the farthest municipalities from existing universities and colleges in the province, Cuyapo faces significant geographic and economic barriers to higher education. Establishing a NEUST campus in the area will provide local students with more convenient access to tertiary education, reducing the need for long-distance travel. In turn, this will ease the financial burden on students and their families, as well as contribute to the overall development of the community.

This bill was approved on Third and Final Reading during the 19th Congress. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST)-Cuyapo Campus Act”.

SEC. 2. The NEUST shall establish a regular campus in the Municipality of Cuyapo, Province of Nueva Ecija to be known as the NEUST-Cuyapo Campus.

SEC. 3. The NEUST-Cuyapo Campus shall offer short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within their areas of competencies and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of their objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Nueva Ecija and Region III.

The NEUST-Cuyapo Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and production activities in support of the socioeconomic development and to provide progressive leadership in the area.

SEC. 4. The NEUST-Cuyapo 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 NEUST shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the NEUST-Cuyapo 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 NEUST-Cuyapo Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be named or titled under the NEUST.

All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the NEUST-Cuyapo Campus shall be titled under the NEUST: *Provided*, That should the campus or the NEUST cease to exist or be abolished or should aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the NEUST, the same shall revert to the Municipality of Cuyapo or 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 for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. 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. 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,