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HOUSE BILL NO. 6905



Introduced by Representatives Daphne A. Lagon & Sonny L. Lagon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a campus of the Cebu Technological University (CTU) in the Municipality of Cordova to be known as the Cebu Technological University (CTU) – Cordova Campus.

Cordova, a fast-developing municipality of more than seventy-two thousand residents, attained first-income class status in early 2024. It hosts the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway.

The municipality, however, has only one institution of higher education – the Cordova Public College, a community college established and administered by the municipal government. It has no privately-owned college or university. Consequently, many of its youths pursue tertiary education in the cities of Lapu-lapu, Mandaue and Cebu. For those who cannot afford the high cost, the Cordova Public College is the only choice.

The Cordova Public College, however, can only offer a few courses and its campus can no longer be expanded due to unavailability of space. It cannot accommodate a growing student population and adequately address the municipality's increasing demand for college education.

It is ideal, therefore, that a new campus of the Cebu Technological University (CTU) be established to meet the municipality's steadily-growing demand for college education and complement the Cordova Public College which has been improving its quality of instruction. The Municipal Government of Cordova has committed to secure at least a hectare of public land as home of the Cebu Technological University – Cordova Campus.

In view of the above premises, the prompt approval of this measure is earnestly sought and recommended.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
(CTU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 “Cebu Technological University – Cordova Campus Act”;

SECTION 2. There is hereby established a campus of the Cebu Technological University, hereinafter called as the University, in the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu, to be known as the CTU-Cordova Campus;

SECTION 3. The CTU-Cordova Campus, hereinafter called as the Campus, shall offer technical-vocational, undergraduate and graduate courses, including but not limited to medical and allied courses, within the areas of competency and pursuant to the mandate of the Cebu Technological University, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter called as the Board, may deem necessary, to respond to human resources development needs of the Province of Cebu, the Central Visayas Region and the domestic and international labor markets;

The CTU-Cordova Campus is likewise mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in these areas;

SECTION 4. The CTU-Cordova Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and shall be designated by the University President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board;

SECTION 5. The University shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of CTU-Cordova Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.

SECTION 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the CTU-Cordova Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, shall be titled or named under the University.

The Municipal Government of the Municipality of Cordova shall secure a parcel of land, not less than one hectare, for the use of the Campus and the said parcel of land and all other real property that the Campus may acquire thereafter shall be titled or named under the University: Provided, That should the campus or the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the local government of the Municipality of Cordova or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SECTION 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

SECTION 8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations granted to or imposed to the CTU and its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the CTU-Cordova Campus and its officials, whenever appropriate.

SECTION 9. The amount of three hundred million pesos (P300,000,000) shall be appropriated for the development of the CTU-Cordova Campus and the construction of appropriate buildings and facilities. The amount necessary for the operation of the Campus shall be included in the annual general appropriations act.

SECTION 10. The Campus shall have both teaching and non-teaching personnel necessary for its full operation. It shall have at least five (5) teaching regular plantilla positions and at least one (1) non-teaching regular plantilla position in every program offering, the budget of which shall be incorporated in the annual budget of the Campus under the annual general appropriations act.

SECTION 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

SECTION 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.

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

Approved.