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2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
3 Quezon City

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5 **TWENTIETH CONGRESS**
6 First Regular Session

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8 **HOUSE BILL NO. 7023**
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11 Introduced by **Representative Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco**
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14 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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16 The 1987 Philippine Constitution declares education as a primary obligation of the State.
17 Article XIV, Section 1 provides that “the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to
18 quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible
19 to all.” In faithful compliance with this Constitutional mandate, the Cebu Technological University
20 (CTU), as a State University and College (SUC), has continuously pursued initiatives to expand
21 access to quality higher education, particularly in underserved and geographically distant areas of
22 the Province of Cebu.
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24 In 2021, the Municipality of Sogod initiated the establishment of a CTU extension campus
25 to address the growing demand for affordable and accessible tertiary education in the northern
26 municipalities of Cebu. Through its Municipal Resolution No. 2021-25, the local government
27 authorized the Municipal Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CTU for
28 the establishment and operation of the CTU Carmen – Sogod Extension Campus. To support this
29 undertaking, the Municipality of Sogod donated 20,000-sq.m. parcel of land located in Barangay
30 Damolog, providing CTU with a suitable site for campus development.
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32 The MOA, executed on 04 March 2021, delineated the respective obligations of CTU and
33 the local government. CTU assumed academic supervision and program implementation, while the
34 local government committed to providing infrastructure support, site development, utilities, and
35 security services. Pursuant to these commitments, CTU began offering academic programs in
36 Academic Year 2022-2023, where classes were temporarily facilitated under the supervision of
37 CTU Carmen. In the succeeding Academic Year 2023-2024, the Sogod campus was formally
38 utilized, and since then, it has continuously served the growing student population. All programs
39 offered at CTU Carmen - Sogod Extension Campus are under the direct supervision of the
40 respective program departments at CTU Carmen.
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42 From the time the CTU Sogod campus became operational up to the present, the Local
43 Government Unit of Sogod has shouldered the funding for the campus, including the provision of
44 instructional equipment, payment of utilities, funding of personnel salaries, and other maintenance
45 and operating expenses (MOOE). This sustained LGU support underscores both the strong local

1 commitment to the campus and the urgent need to institutionalize national government participation
2 in its continued operation and development.

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4 Recognizing its operational viability and institutional readiness, the CTU Board of Regents
5 issued Board Resolution No. 145, Series of 2023, which formally confirmed the establishment of
6 the CTU Extension Campuses, including the CTU Carmen-Sogod Extension Campus. This action
7 effectively institutionalized the Sogod campus as a recognized extension unit within the CTU
8 system.

9 Since its establishment, the CTU-Sogod Campus has experienced significant growth in
10 both enrollment and academic offerings. From an initial cohort of students in 2023, enrollment has
11 increased across various undergraduate and graduate programs, including elementary and
12 secondary education, industrial technology, and such other disciplines. All academic programs
13 offered by the campus have secured the appropriate Certificates of Program Compliance (COPCs),
14 ensuring compliance with the standards of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

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16 The campus now serves not only the Municipality of Sogod but also neighboring
17 municipalities, substantially reducing the financial and geographic barriers that previously limited
18 access to higher education for students in the area. It has demonstrated its capability to function as
19 a full-fledged academic institution responsive to regional development needs.

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21 Notwithstanding these developments, the CTU-Sogod Campus remains classified as an
22 extension campus, thereby limiting its access to a dedicated budget, plantilla positions, and
23 administrative autonomy. To ensure its long-term sustainability, institutional stability, and
24 continued academic growth, it is necessary to convert the extension campus of CTU in the
25 Municipality of Sogod into a regular campus of the Cebu Technological University.

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27 The conversion of the CTU Sogod Campus into a regular campus will provide it with a
28 distinct legal identity and enable it to receive a separate budgetary allocation under the General
29 Appropriations Act, establish permanent faculty and administrative plantilla positions, expand its
30 academic offerings in accordance with regional priorities, and strengthen its contribution to
31 national and local development.

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33 In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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14 **AN ACT**
15 **CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL**
16 **UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A**
17 **REGULAR CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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19 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
20 *assembled:*
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22 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Cebu Technological University
23 (CTU) - Sogod Campus Act”.
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25 **Section 2. Conversion into a Regular Campus.** – The Cebu Technological University
26 extension campus located in Barangay Damolog, Municipality of Sogod, Province of Cebu, is
27 hereby converted into a regular campus of the Cebu Technological University, to be known as the
28 “CTU-Sogod Campus”. This conversion establishes it as a regular, degree-granting academic
29 institution within the CTU System, with enhanced administrative and academic operational
30 autonomy, subject to the overall policies of the CTU Board of Regents.
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32 **Section 3. General Mandate.** – The CTU-Sogod Campus shall primarily provide
33 accessible, relevant, and high-quality higher education, and shall offer undergraduate and graduate
34 degree programs in the fields of elementary and secondary education, industrial technology, and
35 such other disciplines and specializations. These programs shall be pursuant to the mandates of the
36 CTU, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board,
37 may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the
38 human resource development needs of the Province of Cebu and the Central Visayas Region.
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40 **Section 4. Supervision and Management.** – The governing board of the University shall
41 be the Board of Regents as provided for in Republic Act No. 9744, which serves as the Charter of
42 Cebu Technological University. Likewise, the University shall be headed by the University
43 President, subject to the provisions of the same Charter.
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1 The Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall be appointed by the Board,
2 subject to its institutional guidelines, qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation
3 of the University President.
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5 To ensure smooth transition, the incumbent designated Campus Director of CTU-Sogod
6 Campus shall serve as the Officer-in-Charge Campus Director until the Board appoints a new
7 campus director.
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9 **Section 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher**
10 **Education (CHED)** – It shall be the primary duty of the Campus Director to ensure compliance of
11 the CTU-Sogod Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of CHED for the operation of
12 the campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised
13 programs prior to the conversion.
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15 **Section 6. Faculty, Personnel, and Staffing Pattern.** – The CTU-Sogod Campus shall be
16 provided with an appropriate and adequate number of faculty and administrative personnel, whose
17 plantilla positions shall be created and funded pursuant to the standards of the Department of
18 Budget and Management (DBM) and in accordance with the CTU system-wide staffing pattern.
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20 **Section 7. Infrastructure, Facilities, and Land Use.** – The land donated by the
21 Municipality of Sogod to CTU, consisting of 20,000 square meters located in Barangay Damolog,
22 shall serve as the official site of the CTU-Sogod Campus. The University, in coordination with the
23 Local Government Unit (LGU), shall develop the campus by constructing academic buildings,
24 laboratories, libraries, research centers, and other facilities necessary to support its academic and
25 extension programs.
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27 All other parcels of land and real properties belonging to the government occupied by the
28 CTU-Sogod Campus shall be transferred to the CTU: provided, that should the CTU-Sogod
29 Campus cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer
30 needed by the CTU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or the Republic
31 of the Philippines, as the case may be in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.
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33 **Section 8. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
34 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) under the budget of the Cebu
35 Technological University. The Board shall likewise be authorized to allocate funds from its
36 internally generated income and other sources to support the development of the campus.
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38 The Municipality of Sogod may continue to provide assistance to the CTU-Sogod Campus
39 until such time that the amount necessary for the operation and maintenance of the CTU-Sogod
40 Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.
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42 **Section 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from the
43 effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with CHED and the DBM, shall formulate and
44 promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this
45 Act.
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1 **Section 10. Separability Clause.** – If any, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act
2 is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall
3 remain in full force and effect.
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5 **Section 11. Repealing Clause.** – All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
6 rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
7 or modified accordingly.
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9 **Section 12. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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14 *Approved,*