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HOUSE BILL NO. 7428



Introduced by: HON. BAMBI B. EMANO

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS
ORIENTAL, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10919 established the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) through the merger of the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Cagayan de Oro City and the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT) in Claveria, Misamis Oriental. At this time, the USTSP operates a satellite campus in the Municipality of Jasaan, Misamis Oriental, which forms part of the Second District of the province.

This bill seeks to strengthen and institutionalize the USTSP–Jasaan Campus as a regular campus. The conversion of the USTSP extension campus in Jasaan into a regular campus will enhance the delivery of academic programs, research, and extension services responsive to the human resource and socio-economic development needs of the Second District of Misamis Oriental and the Northern Mindanao Region.

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


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

SECTION 1. Short Title. — This Act shall be known as the “*University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP)–Jasaan Campus Act.*”

SEC. 2. Conversion into a Regular Campus. — The extension campus of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) located in the Municipality of Jasaan, Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby converted into a regular campus to be known as the *USTSP–Jasaan Campus*.

SEC. 3. General Mandate. — The USTSP–Jasaan Campus shall offer undergraduate and graduate programs within its areas of competence and specialization, as may be determined by the Board of Regents. It shall likewise undertake research and extension services in support of socio-economic development and provide leadership responsive to the needs of the Second District of Misamis Oriental and the Northern Mindanao Region.

SEC. 4. Supervision and Management. — The USTSP–Jasaan Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the Board of Regents, subject to its guidelines, qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of a duly constituted Search Committee.

SEC. 5. Compliance with CHED Requirements. — The USTSP shall ensure that the USTSP–Jasaan Campus complies with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of regular campuses, including those governing academic programs and the offering of new or revised courses.

SEC. 6. Management of Personnel, Assets, and Records. — All assets, real and personal, personnel, records, liabilities, and obligations of the USTSP–Jasaan Campus shall be transferred to the USTSP. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel shall be respected in accordance with existing laws.

All government-owned lands occupied by the USTSP–Jasaan Campus shall be transferred to the USTSP: *Provided*, That should the campus or the University cease to exist, or should such lands no longer be needed, ownership shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as applicable.

SEC. 7. Supplementary Application. — The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “*Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997*,” shall apply suppletorily to this Act.

SEC. 8. Appropriations. — The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,