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HOUSE BILL NO. 7609



Introduced by: **REP. ROBERTO "PINPIN" T. UY, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill intends to give full meaning to the Constitutional provision in Article II, Sec. 17 which states that: "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

In this light, the Jose Rizal Memorial State University (formerly Jose Rizal Memorial State College through Republic Act 8193) was established through Republic Act 9852. Inspired by Jose Rizal's idea of the transformative power of education, cultural diversity and technology to create positive societal change, JRMSU pledges to deliver effective and efficient services along instruction, research, extension and production and fosters excellence, innovation, sustainable development and the betterment of the society.

It is in this same spirit that this measure seeks to establish a campus of the Jose Rizal Memorial State College in the municipality of Sergio Osmeña, Sr. in the province of Zamboanga del Norte. At present, the main campus of JRMSU is in Dapitan, Zamboanga del Norte with satellite campuses in the city of Dipolog and the municipalities of Katipunan, Tampilisan and Siocon. To efficiently extend the positive impact in upholding the system and standard of education that JRMSU upholds, an additional campus in Sergio Osmeña, Sr. is warranted.

A JRMSU campus in the same municipality in Zamboanga del Norte will be instrumental in providing good and free higher education for the constituents and will be transformational for the people in Sergio Osmeña. Sr. and the entire 1st District.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF JOSE RIZAL MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SERGIO OSMEÑA SR., PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE JOSE RIZAL MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY - SERGIO OSMEÑA SR. CAMPUS

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the *“Jose Rizal Memorial State University - Sergio Osmeña Sr. Campus Act”*.

SECTION 2. There shall be established a campus of the Jose Rizal Memorial State University (JRMSU) in the Municipality of Sergio Osmeña Sr., Province of Zamboanga del Norte, to be known as the Jose Rizal Memorial State University - Sergio Osmeña Sr. Campus.

SECTION 3. All parcels of land owned by the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Sergio Osmeña Sr., which are identified for development or use by the Jose Rizal Memorial State University (JRMSU), shall be made available under a usufruct agreement in favor of the University, provided that should the University cease to exist or be abolished, or should any such parcels of land covered by the usufruct agreement no longer be necessary for its intended purpose by the University, the said parcels of land shall automatically revert to the concerned LGU.

SECTION 4. The JRMSU shall admit students to its Sergio Osmeña Sr. Campus who may avail of graduate, undergraduate, and short-term technical-vocational courses within the University's areas of specialization and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents (BOR) may deem necessary to carry out the University's objectives.

The JRMSU is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in the Sergio Osmeña Sr. Campus, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SECTION 5. The JRMSU-Sergio Osmeña Sr. Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator/Director who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the Board of Regents (BOR) upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the BOR.

SECTION 6. The establishment of the JRMSU-Sergio Osmeña Sr. Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

SECTION 7. In coordination with the JRMSU, within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the JRMSU-Sergio Osmeña Sr. Campus shall accomplish the following:

- a. Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the Department of Budget and Management;
- b. Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
- c. Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative, as well as academic structure, including the appointment/ designation of University campus key officials.

SECTION 8. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form an integral part of this Act and together shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

SECTION 9. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations to state universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed **granted to or imposed upon the University and/or its officials whenever appropriate.**

SECTION 10. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 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,