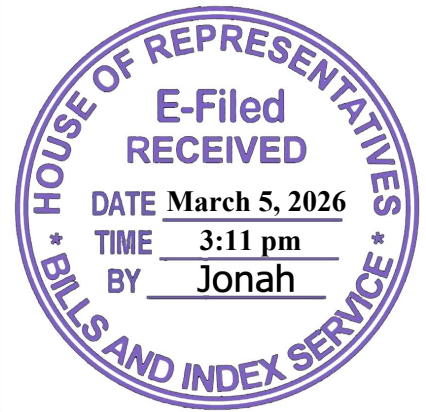


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8319



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9852 converted the Jose Rizal Memorial State College (JRMSC) in the City of Dapitan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte into a state university known as the Jose Rizal Memorial State University (JRMSU), mandated primarily to provide advanced education, higher technological, professional instruction, and training in arts and sciences, philosophy, literature, mass communication, teacher education, agriculture and forestry, fishery, engineering and architecture, maritime education, industrial and information technology, hotel and restaurant management, tourism, medicine, nursing and allied health sciences, criminology, geology, public administration, business and accountancy, law, nontraditional courses and other relevant fields of study.

While JRMSU has campuses in the Third District of Zamboanga del Norte, said campuses are in the southern part (Siocon Campus) and in the north-eastern part (Tampilisan Campus) of the district. However, in the middle and western parts of the district, specifically in the Municipalities of Labason, Gutalac, Liloy, and Kalawit, there is no state college that provides free tertiary education to the students. Thus, the youth wishing to study in college for free are forced to enroll in the distant campuses of JRMSU and have to travel for two to three hours. Worse, some are discouraged from studying college altogether because of the money they have to shell out either in enrolling in the nearby private colleges or in travelling to the distant state colleges.

This bill therefore seeks to establish a regular campus of the JRMSU in the Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte. In so doing, the policy of the State to protect and promote the rights of all students to quality education at all levels and to make such education *accessible to all*, as provided by R.A. No. 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, will be fulfilled.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE JOSE RIZAL MEMORIAL
STATE UNIVERSITY (JRMSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
JRMSU-LABASON CAMPUS, 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 "Jose Rizal Memorial State University-Labason Campus Act".

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a regular campus of the Jose Rizal Memorial State University, hereinafter referred to as the University, in the Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, to be known as the Jose Rizal Memorial State University (JRMSU)-Labason Campus.

SEC. 3. The JRMSU-Labason Campus shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to its mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to meet the human resources development needs of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and entire Region IX.

The JRMSU-Labason Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. The JRMSU-Labason Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the University, subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

SEC. 5. The establishment of the JRMSU-Labason 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).

SEC. 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the JRMSU-Labason Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the JRMSU-Labason Campus under existing laws prior to the integration to the University shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the JRMSU-Labason Campus shall be declared the property of the University, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should 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 concerned local government unit or to 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, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the JRMSU-Labason Campus.

SEC. 8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations to state universities and its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the JRMSU-Labason Campus and its officials, whenever appropriate.

SEC. 9. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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 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,