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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

In accordance with this constitutional mandate, this bill seeks to establish a Visayas State University satellite campus in the Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte.

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a British company specializing in evaluating higher education institutions worldwide, assigned Visayas State University (VSU) a 3-star rating. VSU was awarded the QS certification on May 8, 2020.

A 3-star rating indicates that VSU is "nationally well-known and may have even begun to attract international recognition." This institution conducts credible research, and its graduates are attractive to potential employers.

The Javier Satellite Campus is intended to serve students who are unable to travel far for college due to family obligations, financial constraints, or other factors, and to provide quality education in response to global needs.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JAVIER, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of a Satellite Campus. - There is hereby established a Satellite Campus of the Visayas State University (VSU), located in the Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, to be known as the "Visayas State University – Javier Satellite Campus.

SECTION 2. **Board of Regents.** - The Visayas State University Board of Regents is hereby authorized to find a suitable location in the Municipality of Javier for the construction of VSU-Javier Satellite Campus and to perform the necessary tasks to acquire said property and construct the satellite campus.

SECTION 3. **Appropriations**. - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. **Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,