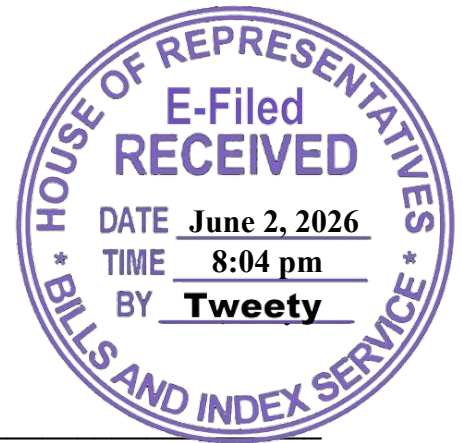


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9695



Introduced by **HON. JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a regular campus of the Cagayan State University (CSU) in the Municipality of Baggao, Province of Cagayan.

Access to quality and affordable higher education remains a vital instrument for social mobility, economic development, and poverty reduction. In the Province of Cagayan, particularly in the Municipality of Baggao and its neighboring localities, many deserving students continue to face challenges in pursuing tertiary education due to geographical distance, transportation costs, and the limited availability of higher educational institutions within their reach.

As the premier state university in the province, the Cagayan State University (CSU) has played a significant role in providing accessible and quality education to the people of Cagayan. However, the growing demand for higher education opportunities necessitates the expansion of CSU's presence in underserved areas to ensure that more students can benefit from its academic programs, research initiatives, and extension services.

The Municipality of Baggao is one of the largest municipalities in the province in terms of both land area and population. The establishment of a regular CSU campus in the municipality will bring higher education closer to students and their families, reduce educational expenses, promote greater enrollment and completion rates, and contribute to local socioeconomic development. It will likewise help produce a highly skilled, productive, and globally competitive workforce capable of supporting regional and national development goals.

The proposed campus shall offer degree programs, technical and professional courses, research activities, and extension services responsive to the educational, economic, and developmental needs of the municipality and the province. It shall further support the government's commitment to inclusive growth and the equitable distribution of educational opportunities, particularly in rural and geographically isolated communities.

Moreover, CSU has already conducted a favorable feasibility study on the establishment of a CSU campus in Baggao, Cagayan, and initial funding has been allocated under the 2025 General Appropriations Act for the proposed campus infrastructure on the property donated to CSU for the establishment of CSU – Baggao Campus. These developments demonstrate the viability of the said establishment and the strong support it has garnered from stakeholders and the local community.

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



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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAGGAO, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Cagayan State University – Baggao Act."

SECTION 2. Establishment of the Cagayan State University – Baggao. – There is hereby established a regular campus of the Cagayan State University (CSU), to be located in the Municipality of Baggao, Province of Cagayan, which shall be known as "Cagayan State University – Baggao."

SECTION 3. General Mandate. – the CSU – Baggao shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the CSU, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Cagayan and the entire Region II. It shall be mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SECTION 4. Supervision and Management of the CSU – Baggao. – The CSU – Baggao shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.

SECTION 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). – The CSU shall ensure the compliance of the CSU –

Baggao with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation of the Campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised courses and programs prior to its establishment.

SECTION 6. Management of Personnel, Assets, and Records of the Campus.

– All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the CSU - Baggao, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after the CSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the CSU – Baggao shall be the property of the CSU and shall be titled under its name: Provided, That should the CSU – Baggao or the CSU cease to exist or be abolished, or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the CSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including those required to fund the Plantilla positions of teaching and non-teaching personnel of the CSU – Baggao, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 8. Supplementary Application. – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997” shall form part of this Act.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED and the Department of Budget and Management, issue rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. – 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.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,