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HOUSE BILL NO. 9813



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the existing Buguey Extension Campus of the Cagayan State University (CSU) in the Municipality of Buguey, Province of Cagayan, into a regular campus of the University, to be known as the Cagayan State University – Buguey Campus.

The 1987 Constitution recognizes the vital role of education in national development and mandates the State to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education responsive to the needs of the people and society. Consistent with this constitutional mandate, the government must continue to expand access to quality higher education, particularly in underserved and developing communities.

Buguey is a coastal municipality that serves as a strategic center for agriculture, fisheries, trade, and other economic activities in the northeastern part of the Province of Cagayan. As the municipality and its neighboring localities continue to grow, so does the demand for accessible, affordable, and quality tertiary education. However, many students and aspiring professionals continue to face financial and logistical challenges in pursuing higher education, particularly when they are compelled to enroll in campuses located far from their communities.

The CSU - Buguey Extension Campus has played a significant role in broadening access to higher education in the municipality and nearby areas. It has provided educational opportunities to countless students and produced graduates who contribute meaningfully to local and national development. Nonetheless, its status as an extension campus limits its capacity to expand academic programs, strengthen institutional operations, and access the resources necessary to effectively address the growing educational needs of the region.

The conversion of the Buguey Extension Campus into a regular campus will enhance the University's capacity to deliver quality instruction, research, and extension services. It will enable the campus to accommodate more students, expand its

academic offerings, improve infrastructure and learning facilities, strengthen its faculty and personnel complement, and provide adequate student support services. These developments are essential to sustaining academic excellence and fostering institutional growth.

Moreover, the establishment of the CSU – Baguey Campus as a regular campus will promote greater access to higher education for students from Baguey and neighboring municipalities. It will help reduce educational disparities, support local human resource development, and contribute to inclusive socio-economic growth in the Province of Cagayan.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BUGUEY EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUGUEY, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY – BUGUEY 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 "Cagayan State University (CSU) – Buguey Campus Act."

SECTION 2. The Buguey Extension Campus of the CSU located in the Municipality of Buguey, Province of Cagayan is hereby converted into a regular campus to be known as the CSU – Buguey Campus.

SECTION 3. The CSU – Buguey Campus 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 is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SECTION 4. The CSU – Buguey Campus 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. The CSU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the CSU – Buguey Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.

SECTION 6. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the Buguey Extension Campus of the CSU, as well as liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the CSU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to its conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the Buguey Extension Campus of the CSU shall be transferred to the CSU: Provided, That should the CSU – Buguey Campus 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. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997” shall form part of this Act.

SECTION 8. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Municipality of Buguey shall continue to fund the operation and maintenance of the CSU – Buguey Campus until such time that the amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA.

SECTION 9. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 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.

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

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

Approved,