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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9814



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The 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.

The Municipality of Calayan, situated in the northernmost part of the Province of Cagayan, is composed of several island barangays and remains geographically isolated from the mainland. Access to and from the municipality is largely dependent on sea transportation, making travel difficult, costly, and often affected by weather conditions. Consequently, many students from Calayan and neighboring island communities face significant barriers in pursuing higher education due to distance, limited accessibility, and financial constraints.

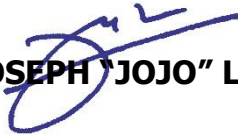
Recognizing these challenges, the local government, in partnership with Cagayan State University, facilitated the establishment of the CSU – Calayan Extension Campus to bring tertiary education closer to the residents of the municipality. Since its establishment, the extension campus has played a crucial role in expanding access to higher education and producing graduates who contribute to the social and economic development of the locality.

However, its status as an extension campus limits its capacity to broaden its academic programs, strengthen institutional operations, and access the resources necessary to effectively respond to the increasing educational demands of the community. The growing need for accessible and quality higher education in the municipality underscores the importance of elevating the campus to regular campus status.

The conversion of the CSU – Calayan Extension Campus into a regular campus will strengthen the University's presence in this geographically isolated area and enhance its capability to deliver quality instruction, research, other education services. It will enable the campus to expand its academic offerings, improve its facilities and infrastructure, and provide the faculty, personnel, and support services necessary to sustain quality higher education and accommodate a larger student population.

Moreover, the establishment of a regular CSU campus in Calayan will promote equitable access to higher education, particularly for students from geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas. It will help reduce educational disparities, foster inclusive socio-economic growth, and contribute significantly to the long-term development of the Municipality of Calayan, the Province of Cagayan, and the nation as a whole.

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


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE CALAYAN EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAYAN, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY – CALAYAN 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) – Calayan Campus Act."

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

SECTION 3. The CSU – Calayan 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 – Calayan 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 – Calayan 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 Calayan 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 Calayan Extension Campus of the CSU shall be transferred to the CSU: Provided, That should the CSU – Calayan 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 Calayan shall continue to fund the operation and maintenance of the CSU – Calayan 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,