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HOUSE BILL NO. 10981

Introduced by **Representative LEONEL "JHONG" D. CENIZA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines enshrines education as a fundamental right and a primary responsibility of the State. Article XIV, Section 1 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."

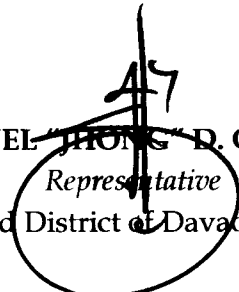
Further, Article XIV, Section 2 directs the State to "establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society," and to take measures that expand access to higher education, particularly in underserved areas.

In line with these Constitutional mandates, this bill seeks to convert the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Mabini (External) Campus in the Municipality of Mabini, Davao de Oro, into a regular campus of the University, to be known as the USEP Mabini Campus.

The conversion will strengthen the University's capacity to deliver quality undergraduate and graduate programs, research, and extension services that respond to the human resource development needs of Mabini and the greater Davao Region.

It will enhance institutional autonomy, improve administrative efficiency, and ensure sustained funding and development for the campus, thereby making higher education more accessible to the local population in accordance with the Constitution.

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


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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES (USEP) MABINI (EXTERNAL) CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MABINI INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE USEP, TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES (USEP) MABINI CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the *"University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Mabini Campus Act."*

SECTION 2. Conversion of USEP-Mabini Campus into a Regular Campus. – Mabini Campus in the Municipality of Mabini is hereby converted into a regular campus of the University of Southeastern Philippines.

SECTION 3. General Mandate. – The USEP-Mabini Campus shall primarily provide undergraduate and graduate degree programs within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the USEP, 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 Municipality of Mabini and the entire Davao Region. It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SECTION 4. Supervision and Management of USEP-Mabini Campus. – The University President shall have overall supervision and management of the USEP-Mabini Campus. The USEP-Mabini Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall be recommended by the USEP President for approval by the Board of Regents, subject to the guidelines on qualifications and standards and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

SECTION 5. *Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).*
– The USEP shall ensure compliance of the USEP–Mabini Campus 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 programs prior to the conversion.

SECTION 6. *Suppletory Applications.* – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the implementing rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,