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HOUSE BILL NO. 11056



Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Legal education is indispensable in developing competent, principled, and socially conscious members of the legal profession who uphold the rule of law and advance the administration of justice. Despite its importance, many aspiring lawyers in Davao Oriental continue to face difficulties in accessing legal education due to the absence of a public law school within the province.

This measure seeks to establish the Davao Oriental State University - College of Law to provide quality, accessible, and affordable legal education for students from Davao Oriental and nearby provinces. The proposed College will prepare future lawyers equipped with the knowledge, skills, and ethical values necessary for public service, private practice, and community leadership.

The College shall offer (a) graduate programs in Juris Doctor, Master of Laws, and Doctor of Laws; (b) Confer degrees, diplomas, and certificates to qualified candidates; (c) Undertake research, extension, and legal aid programs and; (d) Enter into linkages and agreements with other academic and legal institutions, subject to existing laws.

The establishment of the Davao Oriental State University - College of Law will broaden educational opportunities within the province, promote equitable access to legal education, and contribute to the development of a highly competent legal profession capable of addressing the legal needs of Davao Oriental, the Davao Region, and the country.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF
LAW, PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title*** — This Act shall be known as the "Davao Oriental State University
2 —College of Law Act."

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy*** — It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote
4 accessible, affordable, and quality legal education and to foster the development of competent,
5 ethical, and socially responsible members of the legal profession.

6 **SEC. 3. *Establishment*** — There is hereby established a College of Law in the Davao Oriental
7 State University (DOrSU), which shall be known as the "Davao Oriental State University—
8 College of Law."

9 **SEC. 4. *Governance*** — The governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of Regents
10 of the DOrSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers and functions are defined
11 under Republic Act No. 11033, otherwise known as the "Davao Oriental State University
12 Charter," and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations, unless otherwise provided or
13 amended by this Act.

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15 The Board shall have the authority to appoint the Dean and other officials of the College,
16 prescribe academic programs consistent with the standards of the Commission on Higher
17 Education (CHED) and the Legal Education Board (LEB), and promulgate rules and
18 regulations necessary for the effective operation of the College.

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20 **SEC. 5. *Powers and Functions*** - The College, subject to the policies of the Board of Regents
21 and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and
22 the Legal Education Board (LEB), shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) To offer graduate programs in Juris Doctor, Master of Laws, and Doctor of Laws, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations;
- b) To confer degrees, diplomas, and certificates upon qualified candidates who have satisfactorily completed the prescribed academic requirements;
- c) To undertake instruction, research, extension, clinical legal education, and legal aid programs;
- d) To enter into linkages, partnerships, and agreements with local and foreign academic institutions, courts, government agencies, and legal organizations, subject to existing laws;
- e) To receive grants, donations, endowments, and appropriations for its support, development, and expansion, in accordance with applicable laws; and
- f) To perform such other acts as may be necessary to attain its objectives and fulfill its mandate under this Act.

SEC. 6. Appropriations - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Davao Oriental State University- College of Law. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the College shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

To further strengthen the capacity of the College in legal education, research, instruction, and facilities development, a DorSU - College of Law Fund in the amount of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) per year for a period of five years shall be appropriated, in addition to the regular appropriations and increases for the College under the annual General Appropriations Act. This fund shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and shall be disbursed by the Board of Regents strictly in accordance with the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC.9. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,