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HOUSE BILL NO. 11473



Introduced by **HON. GERARDO "GERRYBOY" J. ESPINA, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution directs the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. Republic Act No. 10931, or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, complements this policy by removing tuition as a principal barrier to public tertiary education. Distance, travel time, transportation expense, and the cost of boarding, however, continue to affect students who reside away from the existing campuses of Biliran Province State University (BiPSU).

BiPSU is the State university serving the Province of Biliran under Republic Act No. 9718, as amended by Republic Act No. 11170. Its main campus remains in Naval. Establishing a regular campus in the Municipality of Caibiran will bring selected programs closer to students from Caibiran and nearby communities while allowing the University to retain its central administrative and support services at the main campus.

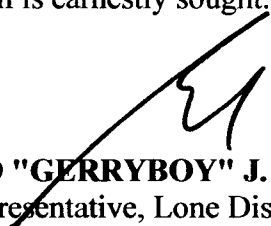
The proposed campus will therefore remain an integral unit of BiPSU, without a separate governing board or juridical personality, and will rely principally on existing University systems and personnel.

The measure authorizes the regular campus to offer selected programs based on a feasibility study, institutional capacity, and local and regional needs, subject to the required approvals of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and other competent agencies. It also allows the Campus to use property and facilities owned by BiPSU, made available by local government units, donated, or otherwise lawfully available.

For its initial establishment and operation, the Municipality of Caibiran, the Province of Biliran, and other partners may provide financial and in-kind assistance, including the site, buildings, utilities, equipment, supplies, and logistical support, under written agreements and subject to applicable

budgeting, procurement, accounting, and auditing rules. Thereafter, the necessary amounts for continued operation may be proposed under the annual budget of BiPSU.

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 BILIRAN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAIBIRAN, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BILIRAN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY-CAIBIRAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SEC. 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Biliran Province State University-Caibiran Campus Act."

SEC. 2. Establishment of the Biliran Province State University-Caibiran Campus. - There is hereby established a regular campus of the Biliran Province State University (BiPSU) in the Municipality of Caibiran, Province of Biliran, to be known as the "Biliran Province State University-Caibiran Campus."

SEC. 3. General Mandate. - The Caibiran 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 BiPSU, 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 Biliran and the Eastern Visayas Region. It shall be mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. Supervision and Management of the BiPSU - Caibiran Campus. - The BiPSU - Caibiran Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director or Dean who shall be appointed by the University President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.

SEC. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) - BiPSU shall ensure the compliance of the BiPSU - Caibiran 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 courses and programs prior to its establishment.

SEC. 6. Management of Personnel, Assets, and Records of the Campus. - All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the BiPSU - Caibiran Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after BiPSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the BiPSU - Caibiran Campus shall be the property of BiPSU and shall be titled under its name: Provided, That should the campus cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by BiPSU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government units, provincial government, or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 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 BiPSU - Caibiran Campus, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. Suppletory Application. – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days after 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – All 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.

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

Approved,