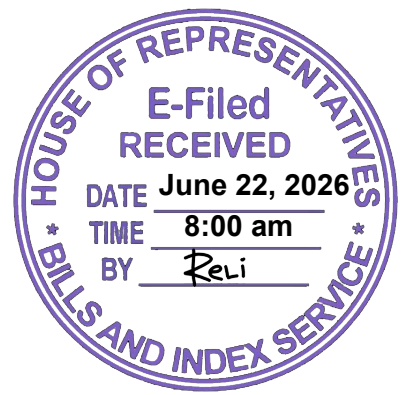


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **459**

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations on
June 22, 2026

Re: House Bill No. **9900**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1840

Sponsors: Representatives Jude A. Acidre, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Wilton
"Tonton" T. Kho

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations, to which
was referred House Bill No. 1840 by Representative Wilton "Tonton" T. Kho, entitled:

"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA,
SR.-MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLACER, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill
No. **9900**, entitled:

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KNOWN AS THE "DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY-PLACER CAMPUS", AND
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1840 and with Representatives Wilton
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House Bill No. 9900
(In substitution of House Bill No. 1840)

Introduced by Representatives Wilton “Tonton” T. Kho, Jude A. Acidre, Patricia C. Calderon, Antonio L. Tinio, Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, Dimszar M. Sali, Antolin A. Oreta III, Jaime R. Fresnedi, Jose Manuel Tadeo “Chel” I. Diokno, Mario “Kokoy” O. Salvador, De Carlo L. Uy, Walfredo “Arman” R. Dimaguila, Jr., Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Atty. Jennifer “Karen” A. Lagbas, Anna York P. Bondoc, M.D., Ma. Cristina Talavera Lopez, Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap, Johanne Monich G. Bautista, Roman T. Romulo, Florabel C. Yatco, King Collantes, Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, Felimon M. Espares, Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai, Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Rebecca Maria Alcantara Ynares, Edwin L. Cruzado, M.D., and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

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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 “*Dr. Emilio B.*
2 *Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology-Placer*
3 *Campus Act*”.

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5 **Sec. 2. Establishment.** - There is hereby established a regular campus of the
6 Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology
7 (DEBESMSCAT), to be located in the Municipality of Placer, Province of Masbate,
8 which shall be known as the “Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of
9 Agriculture and Technology-Placer Campus”.

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11 **Sec. 3. General Mandate.** - The DEBESMSCAT-Placer Campus shall primarily
12 provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses
13 within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the
14 DEBESMSCAT, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents,
15 hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human
16 resource development needs of the Province of Masbate and the Bicol Region.

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18 It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, in support of
19 the socio-economic development of the Province of Masbate and the Bicol Region
20 and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

1 **Sec. 4. Supervision and Management.** – The DEBESMSCAT-Placer Campus
2 shall be headed by a full-time Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board,
3 subject to its guidelines on qualification standards, and upon the recommendation
4 of a Search Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus
5 Director.
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7 **Sec. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher**
8 **Education (CHED).** - The DEBESMSCAT shall ensure the compliance of the
9 DEBESMSCAT-Placer Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the
10 CHED for the operation of the said campus, including those related to the offering
11 of courses and the introduction of new or revised courses and programs prior to its
12 establishment.
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14 **Sec. 6. Management of Assets, Liabilities, Personnel, and Records of the**
15 **Campus.** - All appropriations, assets, both real and personal, personnel, and
16 records of the DEBESMSCAT-Placer Campus, as well as its liabilities or
17 obligations, shall be titled under or named after the DEBESMSCAT.
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19 All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the
20 DEBESMSCAT-Placer Campus shall be the property of the DEBESMSCAT and
21 titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the said campus cease to exist or be
22 abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by
23 the DEBESMSCAT, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit
24 or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.
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26 **Sec. 7. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
27 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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29 **Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days from
30 the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules
31 and regulations to implement its provisions.
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33 **Sec. 9. Suppletory Application.** - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
34 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form
35 part of this Act.
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37 **Sec. 10. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
38 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
39 affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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41 **Sec. 11. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
42 rules and regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the
43 provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.
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45 **Sec. 12. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
46 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,