



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5123

BY REPRESENTATIVES COLMENARES, ZARATE, ROMULO, ILAGAN AND
BELMONTE (J.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 465

AN ACT CONVERTING THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (WVSU) – EXTENSION IN THE CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HIMAMAYLAN CITY CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Conversion.* – The West Visayas State University
2 (WVSU) – Extension in the City of Himamaylan, Province of Negros
3 Occidental is hereby converted into a regular campus of the West
4 Visayas State University to be known as the West Visayas State
5 University-Himamaylan City Campus (WVSU-HCC).

6 SEC. 2. *Curricular Offerings.* – The WVSU-HCC shall offer
7 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in advanced education, higher
8 technological, professional instruction and training in the fields of arts, science
9 and technology, education, short-term technical-vocational education and
10 training (TVET), and other related and relevant fields of study within its areas
11 of specialization to meet the needs of the province and of the region. It shall

1 also undertake research, extension services and production activities in support
2 of the socioeconomic development of the province and of the region, and
3 provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization: *Provided*, That
4 the WVSU-HCC shall retain its original primary mandate as an arts and
5 science institution: *Provided, further*, That the WVSU-HCC shall offer
6 master's and doctorate degree programs and courses related to food
7 production.

8 **SEC. 3. *Board of Regents.*** – The governance of the WVSU-HCC shall
9 be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents (BOR) created under
10 Presidential Decree No. 2019 and Republic Act No. 8292 that govern the
11 WVSU. All policies, rules and regulations approved by the WVSU-BOR shall
12 be applied to WVSU-HCC.

13 **SEC. 4. *The Campus Administrator.*** – The administration of the
14 WVSU-HCC shall be the responsibility of the Campus Administrator who shall
15 be appointed by the WVSU President and confirmed by the BOR.

16 The Campus Administrator shall serve on a full-time basis and shall
17 hold office for a term of three (3) years. The Campus Administrator shall be
18 eligible for reappointment for another term: *Provided*, That the Campus
19 Administrator shall not be over sixty-two (62) years old at the time of
20 appointment to qualify for reappointment or term extension: *Provided, further*,
21 That the Campus Administrator shall not have reached the age of seventy (70)
22 years old. He shall have at least an academic rank of associate professor and at
23 least three (3) years of experience as Department Chair, Director or
24 Vice-President of a College/Unit.

25 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Campus Administrator by reason
26 of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity
27 to perform the functions of the office, the WVSU President shall designate a
28 new Campus Administrator.

1 SEC. 5. *Powers and Duties of the Campus Administrator.* – The
2 powers and duties of the Campus Administrator of the WVSU-HCC shall be
3 similar to the powers and duties of the Campus Administrators in other WVSU
4 campuses.

5 The Campus Administrator of the WVSU-HCC shall represent the
6 WVSU-HCC in the Administrative Council and Academic Council of the
7 University.

8 SEC. 6. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.* – All assets, real and
9 personal, personnel and records of the WVSU – Extension in the City of
10 Himamaylan, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the
11 WVSU-HCC. The positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members
12 and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion
13 into a regular campus shall be respected.

14 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the
15 WVSU – Extension in the City of Himamaylan are hereby transferred to the
16 WVSU-HCC, and shall be titled under that name: *Provided,* That should the
17 campus or the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels
18 of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the University, the same shall
19 revert to the local government units concerned.

20 SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the
21 initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's
22 funding of the WVSU – Extension provided by the City of Himamaylan,
23 Province of Negros Occidental. The City of Himamaylan shall continue to
24 provide the same funding to the WVSU – Extension corresponding to the
25 funding given before the same is integrated into the WVSU until such time that
26 the full funding requirement of the WVSU-HCC is included in the annual
27 General Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 8. *Development Plan, Management Audit,*
2 *Organizational/Administrative/Academic Structure.* – Within the period of
3 one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the WVSU-HCC
4 shall accomplish the following:

5 (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its
6 corresponding program budget to the Commission on Higher Education
7 (CHED), for corresponding recommendation to the Department of Budget and
8 Management (DBM);

9 (b) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED;

10 (c) Set up its organizational, administrative, as well as academic
11 structure, including the appointment/designation of WVSU-HCC officials; and

12 (d) Establish at least two (2) separate degree-granting units, one of
13 which is in the arts and sciences, and another at the graduate level.

14 SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within one hundred
15 twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act, the BOR of the WVSU, in
16 consultation with the CHED, shall promulgate the rules and regulations
17 implementing the provisions of this Act.

18 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All parts of Presidential Decree
19 No. 2019 and other laws or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this
20 Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

21 SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is
22 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the other provisions not
23 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Approved,