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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE SATELLITE CAMPUSES OF THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TALAKAG, BAUNGON, LIBONA, MALITBOG, IMPASUGONG, CABANGLASAN, SAN FERNANDO, QUEZON, KITAOTAO, DAMULOG, KADINGILAN, AND KALILANGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON and IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALUBIJID, TALISAYAN AND MEDINA IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL ALL IN NORTHERN MINDANAO, INTO REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution states that "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." Further, it is the commitment of the State through the passage of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997 to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of higher education relevant to the needs of the people and society.


Bukidnon State University (BukSU) which was originally known as Bukidnon Provincial High School in 1924, and subsequently as Bukidnon Normal School in 1929 has grown tremendously over the past decades extending its services to not only in the province of Bukidnon but elsewhere in Region 10 and other neighboring provinces. As of June 2022, the University has a student population of more than 15,000, 40% of which are enrolled in various satellite campuses in the provinces of Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental.

In 2015, CHED En-Banc has adopted CEB Resolution No. 638, s 2015 directing the closure of the different external studies centers (ESCs), located outside of the main campus in Malaybalay City, through phase out order. In 2018, however, through the intervention of this representation together with other Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental legislators, and concerned local government units, said directive was modified through the issuance of CEB Resolution No. 097s. 2018 giving opportunity to some ESCs to transition into satellite campuses with the condition to comply with the policies, standards and guidelines set forth by CHED. Since 2018, the BukSU has operated 15 satellite campuses in the municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasugong, Cabanglasan, San Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan and Kalilangan all in the province of Bukidnon, and in the municipalities of Alubijid, Talisayan and Medina in

the province of Misamis Oriental, all in Northern Mindanao. To date, 22 curricular programs have already been issued with the Certificates of Program Compliance (COPCs) while the remaining programs are just awaiting final evaluation and issuance from CHED.

Taking all these into consideration, this bill seeks to establish the aforementioned satellite campuses of the Bukidnon State University into regular campuses integrated to the University's system and appropriate the necessary funding and personnel complement to carry out their operations. These satellite campuses are integral part of the BukSU system – offering programs and courses to promote and carry out equal access to tertiary education especially for the underserved and geographically-isolated areas in Northern Mindanao.

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



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

- 1 **SECTION 1. *Conversion of the Bukidnon State University Satellite***
2 ***Campuses into Regular Campuses.*** - The Bukidnon State University (BUKSU) Satellite
3 Campuses located in the Municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasug-
4 ong, Cabanglasan, San Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan, and Kalilangan
5 in the Province of Bukidnon and in the Municipalities of Alubijid, Talisayan and Medina in
6 the Province of Misamis Oriental all in Northern Mindanao are hereby converted into
7 regular campuses of the Bukidnon State University (BukSU) to be known respectively as
8 BukSU-Talakag Campus, BukSU-Baungon Campus, BukSU-Libona Campus, BukSU-
9 Malitbog Campus, BukSU-Impasugong Campus, BukSU-Cabanglasan Campus, BukSU-
10 San Fernando Campus, BukSU-Quezon Campus, BukSU-Kitaotao Campus, BukSU-
11 Damulog Campus, BukSU-Kadingilan Campus, BukSU-Kalilangan Campus, BukSU-Alubijid
12 Campus, BukSU Talisayan Campus, and BukSU-Medina Campus.
- 13 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** - The campuses created in Section 1 hereof shall
14 primarily provide undergraduate and graduate courses, and short-term technical-
15 vocational programs, within their areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the
16 mandate of the BukSU, and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents,
17 hereinafter referred to as the BOR, may deem necessary to respond to the human

1 resources and development needs of the Province of Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental and
2 Region X. The campuses are also mandated to undertake research and extension
3 services, and to provide progressive leadership in their area.

4 **SEC. 3. Administration of Campuses.** – The University President shall have
5 overall supervision and management over the campuses created in Section 1. Each
6 campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and who
7 shall be appointed or designated by the BOR, upon the recommendation of the University
8 President, subject to the guidelines on qualifications and standards set by the BOR.

9 Subject to the usual government accounting and budgeting rules and regulations,
10 the Campus Director is hereby authorized to cause the construction or repair of buildings,
11 machinery, equipment and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real
12 property, including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.

13 **SEC. 4. Compliance with CHED Requirements** - The BukSU shall ensure that
14 the minimum requirements of the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) for the
15 operation of the campuses, including those related to its course offerings, are fully
16 complied with.

17 **SEC. 5. Personnel, Land and Other Real Properties** - All assets, real and
18 personnel, and records of the BukSU Satellite Campuses, as well its liabilities or
19 obligations, shall be transferred to the BukSU. The positions, rights and security of tenure
20 of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the
21 conversion into regular campuses shall be respected.

22 All parcels of land belongings to the government occupied by the campuses
23 enumerated in Section 1 shall be transferred to the BukSU: *Provided*, That should the
24 campuses or BukSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels
25 of land be no longer needed by the BukSU, the same shall revert to the local government
26 unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

27 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
28 this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act: *Provided*, That the local
29 government units of the municipalities of Talakag, Baungon, Libona, Malitbog, Impasug-
30 ong, Cabanglasan, San Fernando, Quezon, Kitaotao, Damulog, Kadingilan, and Kalilangan
31 in the province of Bukidnon and the municipalities of Alubijid, Talisayan and Medina in
32 the province of Misamis Oriental shall provide the same assistance until such time that
33 the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the campuses
34 shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Act.

35 **SEC. 7. Suppletory Application.** - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
36 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", and Republic Act

1 No. 9456, otherwise known as the "Act Converting Bukidnon State College in the City of
2 Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon into a State University to be known as Bukidnon State
3 University, and Appropriating Funds Therefor", shall form as integral part of this Act.

4 **SEC. 8. *Parity Clause.*** – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities
5 and limitations to state colleges and universities and/or its officials under existing laws
6 shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the campuses in Section 1 hereof and/or its
7 officials, whenever appropriate.

8 **SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from
9 the effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with CHED, shall determine the
10 implementing rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

11 **SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
12 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
13 shall remain in full force and effect.

14 **SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
15 rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
16 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,