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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 538 REC'D BY

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Submitted Jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and on Finance on JUL 27 2009.

Re: House Bill No. 5638

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsors: Senators MAR Roxas and Edgardo J. Angara

Mr. President:

The Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 5638, introduced by Representatives Chatto, Cajés, Jala, Villar, Cua (J.), Javier, Remulla, Del Mar, Padilla, Madrona, Nicolas, Amatong, Aquino, Mitra, De Guzman, Garay and Angping, entitled:

“AN ACT  
CONVERTING THE CENTRAL VISAYAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,  
FORESTRY AND TECHNOLOGY, ITS UNITS AND SATELLITE CAMPUSES IN  
THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BILAR,  
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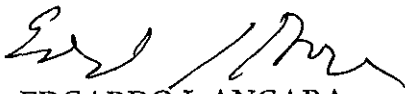
have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the followings amendments:

1. On Page 2, Line 15, After the words “Region VII” insert: “PROVIDED, That no degree program shall be offered without the approval of the Commission on Higher Education before the same shall be approved by its Board.”
2. On Page 10, Delete Lines 22-27, and replace with: “The President of the University shall be assisted by the Vice-President/s, who shall be appointed by the Board upon recommendation of the President.”
3. On Page 14, Line 8, Insert a new section:  
“SECTION 22. CHED Monitoring and Evaluation. – The Commission on Higher Education shall conduct regular monitoring and evaluation to determine continuing compliance with the requirements on university

status. In the event that the Commission finds that the University does not maintain compliance thereof, it shall submit the appropriate recommendation for the revocation of the University status to the Senate Committee on Education, Arts, and Culture, and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

4. Renumber the subsequent sections accordingly.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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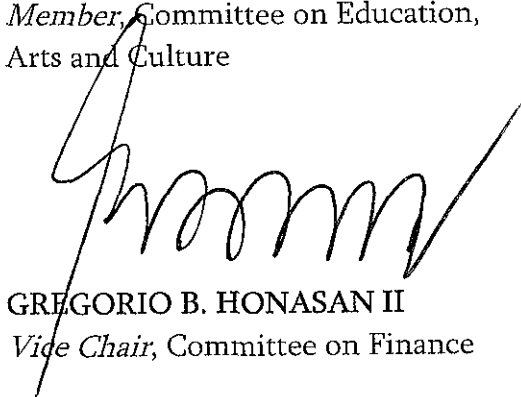


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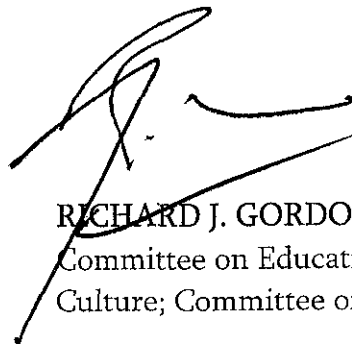
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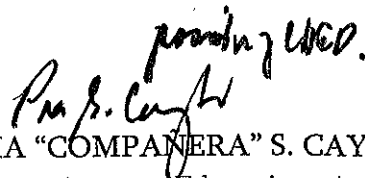
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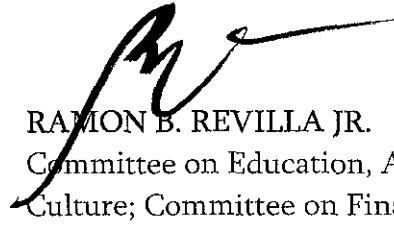


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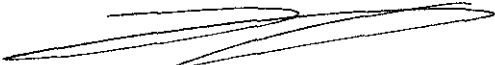
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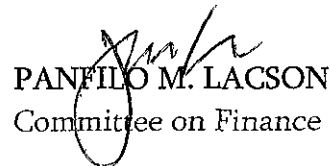
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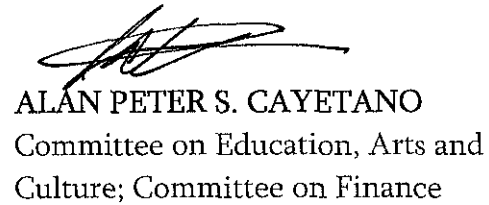


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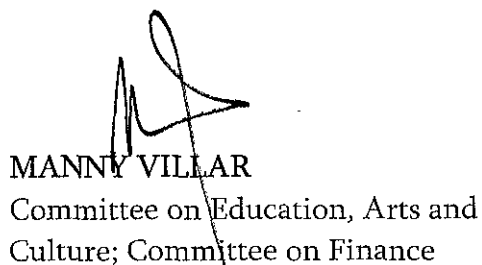
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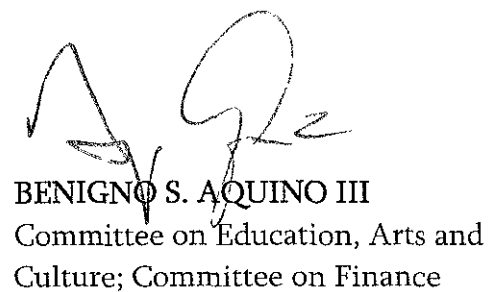
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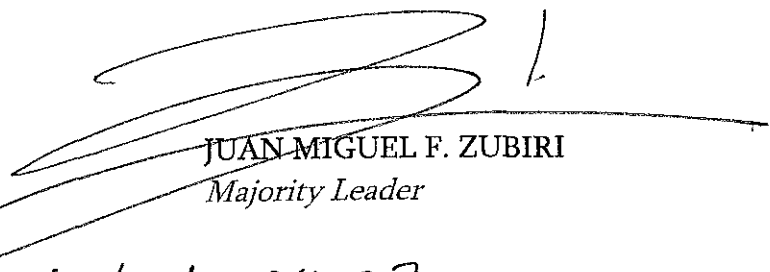
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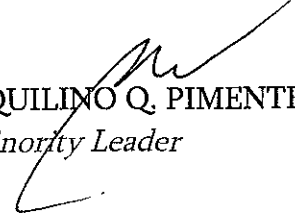


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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**H. No. 5638**

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BY REPRESENTATIVES CHATTO, CAJES, JALA, VILLAR, CUA (J.), JAVIER,  
REMULLA, DEL MAR, PADILLA, MADRONA, NICOLAS, AMATONG,  
AQUINO, MITRA, DE GUZMAN, GARAY AND ANGPING, PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 1584

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AN ACT CONVERTING THE CENTRAL VISAYAS STATE COLLEGE  
OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND TECHNOLOGY, ITS UNITS  
AND SATELLITE CAMPUSES IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN  
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UNIVERSITY (BISU) 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 Central Visayas State College of  
2 Agriculture, Forestry and Technology (CVSCAFT), its units and satellite  
3 campuses in the City of Tagbilaran and in the municipalities of Bilar, Candijay,  
4 Clarin, Calape and Balilihan, all located in the Province of Bohol, is hereby  
5 converted into a state university to be known as the Bohol Island State  
6 University (BISU), hereinafter referred to as the University. The main campus  
7 of the University shall be in Tagbilaran City.

1           SEC. 2. *General Mandate.* – The University shall primarily provide  
2 advanced education, professional and technological instruction in the fields of  
3 allied medicine, education, engineering, agriculture, fisheries, environment,  
4 arts and sciences, accountancy, cooperative, business and entrepreneurship,  
5 technology and other relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research  
6 and extension services, and provide progressive leadership in its areas of  
7 specialization.

8           SEC. 3. *Curricular Offerings.* – The University shall offer  
9 undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of allied medicine, education,  
10 engineering, agriculture, fisheries, environment, arts and sciences,  
11 accountancy, cooperative, business and entrepreneurship, technology, and  
12 other degrees/courses within its areas of specialization and according to its  
13 capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its  
14 objectives, in order to meet the needs of the Province of Bohol and Region  
15 VII.

16           The existing high schools shall be transferred to the jurisdiction and  
17 supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd): *Provided,* That the high  
18 schools shall be allowed to remain and operate within the campus of the  
19 University until the students, who are currently enrolled, shall have completed  
20 their high school education: *Provided, further,* That the University may  
21 operate a reasonably-sized laboratory school, if it has a College of Education.

22           SEC. 4. *Administration.* – The University shall have the general powers  
23 of a corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise  
24 known as “The Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The administration of  
25 the University and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested  
26 exclusively in the Board of Regents and the President of the University.

1           SEC. 5. *The Governing Board.* – The governing board of the  
2 University shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board,  
3 which shall be composed of the following:

4           (a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),  
5 Chairperson;

6           (b) The President of the University, Vice Chairperson;

7           (c) The Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture  
8 of the Senate, member;

9           (d) The Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical  
10 Education of the House of Representatives, member;

11           (e) The Regional Director of the National Economic and Development  
12 Authority (NEDA), member;

13           (f) The Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture (DA),  
14 member;

15           (g) The President of the federation of faculty associations of the  
16 University, member;

17           (h) The President of the federation of student councils of the  
18 University, member;

19           (i) The President of the federation of alumni associations of the  
20 University, member; and

21           (j) Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have  
22 distinguished themselves in their profession or fields of specialization of the  
23 University, members.

24           The Board shall appoint the two (2) prominent citizens from among a  
25 list of at least five (5) qualified persons in the City of Tagbilaran or in the  
26 Province of Bohol, as recommended by the search committee constituted by  
27 the University President, *in consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED*  
28 and the other members of the Board, based on the normal standards and

1 qualifications for the position.

2 The term of office of the President of the federation of faculty  
3 associations, the President of the federation of student councils and the  
4 President of the federation of alumni associations shall be coterminous with  
5 their terms of office, as set forth in their respective constitutions and bylaws.

6 The two (2) prominent citizens shall serve for a term of two (2) years  
7 from the date of appointment.

8 SEC. 6. *Promulgation and Implementation of Policies.* – The Board  
9 shall promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State  
10 policies on education and other pertinent provisions of the Philippine  
11 Constitution on education, agriculture, science and technology, as well as the  
12 policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act No. 7722,  
13 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994”.

14 SEC. 7. *Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents.* – The Board shall  
15 have the following specific powers and duties, in addition to its general powers  
16 of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the board of  
17 directors of a corporation under existing laws:

18 (a) To promulgate rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be  
19 necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the University;

20 (b) To receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided for the  
21 support of the University in the manner it may determine, in its discretion, in  
22 order to carry out the purposes and functions of the University;

23 (c) To import duty-free economic, technical and cultural books and/or  
24 publications, upon certification by the CHED that such imported books and/or  
25 publications are for economic, technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical,  
26 historical or cultural purposes, in accordance with the provisions of the Tariff  
27 and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended;



1 (d) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real properties of  
2 all kinds and to administer and dispose of the same when necessary for the  
3 benefit of the University, subject to the limitations, directions and instructions  
4 of the donor, if any.

5 Such donations shall be exempt from the donor's tax and the same shall  
6 be considered as allowable deductions from the gross income in the  
7 computation of the income tax of the donor, in accordance with the provisions  
8 of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) of 1997, as amended; *Provided,*  
9 That such donations shall not be disposed of, transferred or sold;

10 (e) To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges such as,  
11 but not limited to, matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as  
12 the Board may deem proper to impose, after due consultations with the  
13 involved sectors.

14 Such fees and charges, including government subsidies and other  
15 income generated by the University, shall constitute special trust funds and  
16 shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank, and all  
17 interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the  
18 use of the University.

19 Any provision of existing laws, rules and regulations to the contrary  
20 notwithstanding, any income generated by the University from tuition fees and  
21 other charges, as well as from the operation of auxiliary services and land  
22 grants shall be retained by the University, and may be disbursed by the Board  
23 for instruction, research, extension or other programs/projects of the  
24 University; *Provided,* That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the specific  
25 purpose for which these are collected.

26 If, for reasons beyond its control, the University shall not be able to  
27 pursue any project for which funds have been appropriated and allocated under  
28 its approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize the use of said

- 1 funds for any reasonable purpose which, in its discretion, may be necessary  
2 and urgent for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the University;
- 3 (f) To adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other  
4 school fees for greater access to poor but deserving students;
- 5 (g) To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery,  
6 equipment and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real and  
7 personal properties, including necessary supplies, materials and equipment;
- 8 (h) To appoint, upon recommendation of the President of the  
9 University, Vice Presidents, deans, directors, heads of departments, faculty  
10 members and other officials and employees of the University;
- 11 (i) To fix and adjust salaries of faculty members and administrative  
12 officials and employees, subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation  
13 and Position Classification System and other pertinent budget and  
14 compensation laws governing hours of service and such other duties and  
15 conditions as it may deem proper; to grant them, at its discretion, leaves of  
16 absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of existing  
17 laws to the contrary notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause in  
18 accordance with the requirements of due process of law;
- 19 (j) To approve the curricula, instructional programs and rules of  
20 discipline drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as herein  
21 provided;
- 22 (k) To set policies on admission and graduation of students;
- 23 (l) To award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their  
24 outstanding contribution in the fields of agriculture, public service, arts,  
25 science and technology, education or in any field of specialization within the  
26 academic competence of the University; and to authorize the awarding of  
27 certificates of completion of nondegree and nontraditional courses;

1 (m) To establish and absorb nonchartered tertiary institutions within  
2 the Province of Bohol as branches and extension centers in coordination with  
3 the CHED and in consultation with the Department of Budget and  
4 Management (DBM), and to offer therein programs or courses to promote and  
5 carry out equal and greater access to educational opportunities as mandated by  
6 the Constitution;

7 (n) To establish research and extension centers of the University where  
8 such will promote the development of the latter;

9 (o) To establish professorial chairs in the University and to provide  
10 fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving  
11 students;

12 (p) To delegate any of its powers and duties provided for hereinabove  
13 to the President or Officer-in-Charge and/or other officials of the University as  
14 it may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of  
15 the University;

16 (q) To authorize an external management audit of the University, to be  
17 financed by the CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission  
18 on Audit (COA); and to institute reforms, including academic and structural  
19 changes, on the basis of the audit results and recommendations;

20 (r) To collaborate with other governing boards of state universities and  
21 colleges within the Province of Bohol or Region VII, under the supervision of  
22 the CHED and in consultation with the DBM, and work towards the  
23 restructuring of the University to become more efficient, relevant, productive  
24 and competitive;

25 (s) To enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the  
26 profitable development and management of the economic assets of the  
27 University, the proceeds from which shall be used for the development and  
28 strengthening of the University;

1           (t) To develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with  
2 local government units (LGUs), institutions and agencies, both public and  
3 private, local and foreign, in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of  
4 the University;

5           (u) To develop academic arrangements for institutional capability  
6 building with appropriate institutions and agencies, public and private, local  
7 and foreign, and to appoint experts/specialists as consultants, part-time or  
8 visiting or exchange professors, scholars or researchers, as the case may be;

9           (v) To set up the adoption of modern and innovative modes of  
10 transmitting knowledge such as the use of information technology, the dual  
11 learning system, open learning or distance education and community  
12 laboratory for the promotion of greater access to higher education and graduate  
13 studies, as the case may be;

14           (w) To establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative  
15 decision-making and transparency within the University;

16           (x) To privatize, where most advantageous to the University, the  
17 management of nonacademic services such as health, food, building or grounds  
18 or property maintenance and such other similar activities; and

19           (y) To extend the term of the President of the University beyond the  
20 age of retirement, but not beyond the age of seventy (70), whose performance  
21 has been unanimously rated by the Board as outstanding, based on the  
22 guidelines, qualifications and/or standards set by the Board, after unanimous  
23 recommendation by the search committee.

24           SEC. 8. *Meetings of the Board.* – The Board shall regularly convene at  
25 least once every quarter. However, the Chairperson of the Board may, upon  
26 three (3) days' prior written notice, call a maximum of two (2) special  
27 meetings whenever necessary.

1           A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all its members  
2 holding office at the time of the meeting: *Provided, however,* That the  
3 Chairperson of the CHED or the President of the University is among those  
4 present in the meeting.

5           In the absence of the Chairperson of the CHED, a Commissioner of the  
6 CHED, duly designated by him/her, shall represent him/her in the meeting with  
7 all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member: *Provided, however,*  
8 *That during this meeting, the President of the University as Vice Chairperson*  
9 *shall be the Presiding Officer: Provided, further,* That this *proviso*  
10 notwithstanding, the Chairperson of the CHED is hereby authorized to  
11 designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular Chair of the Board, in which  
12 case said CHED Commissioner shall act as the Presiding Officer.

13           *In case the Chairpersons of the Congressional Committees on Education*  
14 *shall not be able to attend the Board meeting, they may duly designate their*  
15 *respective representatives to attend said meeting, who shall have the same*  
16 *rights and responsibilities as a regular member of the Board.*

17           The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be  
18 *entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in*  
19 *their attendance to meetings of the Board or in connection with other official*  
20 *business authorized by resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and*  
21 *regulations.*

22           SEC. 9. *The University President.* – The University shall be headed by  
23 a President, who shall render full-time service. He/She shall be appointed by  
24 the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and/or standards set by the  
25 Board, upon recommendation of a duly constituted search committee. He/She  
26 shall have a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for  
27 another term: *Provided,* That in order to effect a smooth transition to a state

1 university, the incumbent President of the CVSCAFT, if qualified, shall serve  
2 as the first President of the University.

3       Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the  
4 incumbent President of the University, the Board shall constitute the Search  
5 Committee for the Presidency (SCP).

6       In case of vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death,  
7 compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity of the  
8 President to perform the functions of his/her office, the Board shall designate  
9 an Officer-in-Charge of the University within six (6) months from the date of  
10 vacancy, pending the appointment of a new President.

11       In case of vacancy in the Office of the President as mentioned in the  
12 immediately preceding paragraph, his/her successor or the Officer-in-Charge of  
13 the University shall serve only the unexpired portion of the term.

14       The powers and duties of the President of the University, in addition to  
15 those specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the  
16 Office of the President of similar universities, and those delegated by the  
17 Board.

18       The salary of the President of the University shall be in accordance with  
19 the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and shall be  
20 comparable to that being received by the Presidents of similar educational  
21 institutions.

22       The President of the University shall be assisted by a Vice President for  
23 Academic Affairs and a Vice President for Administration, who shall be  
24 appointed by the Board upon recommendation of the President, without  
25 prejudice to the appointment of more than two (2) Vice Presidents, when so  
26 warranted. The term of office of the Vice Presidents shall be coterminous with  
27 that of the President.

1           SEC. 10. *Heads of University Campuses.* – Campus Directors shall  
2 head the University campuses and they shall render full-time service. They  
3 shall be appointed by the Board upon recommendation of the search committee  
4 and the University President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and/or  
5 standards set by the Board: *Provided,* That the incumbent college  
6 administrators of the extension/satellite campuses shall serve as Campus  
7 Directors of their respective campuses.

8           SEC. 11. *The Administrative Council.* – There shall be an  
9 Administrative Council consisting of the President of the University as  
10 Chairperson, Vice President/s, deans, directors and other officials of equal rank  
11 as members, whose duty is to review and recommend to the Board policies  
12 governing the administration, management and development planning of the  
13 University.

14           SEC. 12. *The Academic Council.* – There shall be an Academic Council  
15 to be composed of the President of the University, who shall act as  
16 Chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant  
17 professor, as members.

18           The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend  
19 the curricular offerings and rules of discipline of the University, subject to the  
20 approval of the Board. *It shall fix the requirements for the admission of*  
21 *students, as well as for their graduation and conferment of degrees, subject to*  
22 *review and/or approval by the Board through the President of the University.*  
23 *It shall have the disciplinary power over students of the University and shall*  
24 *formulate academic policies and rules and regulations on discipline, subject to*  
25 *the approval of the Board.*

26           SEC. 13. *The Secretary of the University.* – The Board shall appoint a  
27 secretary, who shall serve as such for both the Board and the University and

1 shall keep all records and proceedings of the Board. He/She shall serve upon  
2 each member of the Board the appropriate notice of the Board meetings.

3 SEC. 14. *The Treasurer of the University.* – The Treasurer of the  
4 Philippines shall be the *ex officio* treasurer of the University.

5 SEC. 15. *The Faculty.* – No political beliefs, gender preference,  
6 cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, and religious opinion or  
7 affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of  
8 the University: *Provided*, That said appointment shall be subject to the  
9 guidelines, qualifications and/or standards set by the Board:  
10 *Provided, further*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any  
11 particular church or religious sect.

12 SEC. 16. *Scholarship Program/Admission.* – The University shall  
13 provide a scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to assist  
14 poor but deserving students who qualify for admission to the University.

15 No student shall be denied admission to the University by reason of sex,  
16 religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

17 SEC. 17. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.* – The  
18 University shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant  
19 to paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution of the Republic of  
20 the Philippines.

21 SEC. 18. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus/Equipment/Supplies*  
22 *and Detail of Personnel.* – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national  
23 government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon the request of the  
24 President of the University, such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be  
25 needed by the University, and to detail employees for duty therein when, in the  
26 judgment of the head of the bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment,  
27 supplies or services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment  
28 to the public service.



1           The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them  
2 by the President of the University, and the time so employed shall be counted  
3 as part of their regular services.

4           SEC. 19. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.* – All assets, real and  
5 personal, personnel and records of the CVSCAFT, its units and satellite  
6 campuses in the City of Tagbilaran and in the municipalities of Bilar, Candijay,  
7 Clarin, Calape and Balilihan, all located in the Province of Bohol, as well as  
8 liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The  
9 positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel  
10 therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a University  
11 shall be respected.

12           All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the  
13 CVSCAFT, its units and satellite campuses are hereby declared to be property  
14 of the University, and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That should  
15 the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land  
16 aforementioned be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to  
17 the LGUs concerned.

18           SEC. 20. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the  
19 provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations  
20 of the Central Visayas State College of Agriculture, Forestry and Technology,  
21 including its units and satellite campuses, except the sums needed to continue  
22 the operations of the existing high schools. Thereafter, such sums as may be  
23 necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Bohol Island  
24 State University shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

25           SEC. 21. *Development Plan, Management Audit, Organizational/  
26 Administrative/Academic Structure.* – Within the period of one hundred twenty  
27 (120) days after the approval of this Act, the University shall accomplish the  
28 following:

1 (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its  
2 corresponding program budget to the CHED, for corresponding  
3 recommendation to the DBM;

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

5 (c) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative as well as  
6 academic structure, including the appointment of the key officials of the  
7 University.

8 SEC. 22. *Filing of Report.* – On or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the  
9 second (2<sup>nd</sup>) month after the opening of the regular classes each year, the  
10 Board shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the  
11 Chairperson of the CHED, and with both Houses of Congress a detailed report  
12 on the progress, conditions and needs of the University.

13 SEC. 23. *Suppletory Application.* – The provisions of Republic Act No.  
14 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”,  
15 shall be an integral part of this Act and shall serve as part of the Governing  
16 Charter of the University.

17 SEC. 24. *Parity Clause.* – All other powers, functions and privileges,  
18 responsibilities and limitations to state universities and/or their officials under  
19 existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University  
20 and/or its officials, whenever appropriate.

21 SEC. 25. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Board, in  
22 consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the guidelines to fully implement  
23 the provisions of this Act.

24 SEC. 26. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision  
25 of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or  
26 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1           SEC. 27. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive  
2 orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of  
3 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

4           SEC. 28. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
5 its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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