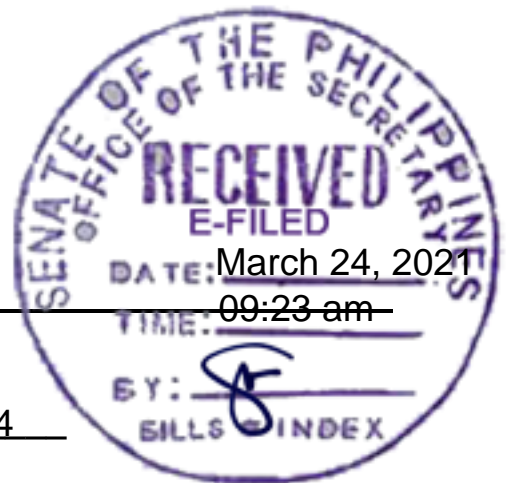


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 224

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means, and Finance on March 24, 2021.

Re: House Bill No. 6858

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 6858 with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Bill Nos. 1755 and 1756.

Sponsor: Senator Joel Villanueva

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 6858**, introduced by Representatives Luis Raymund Villafuerte, Mark O. Go, Eric Go Yap and Joey Sarte Salceda, entitled:

**"AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BICOL STATE COLLEGE OF APPLIED
SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (BISCAST), IN THE CITY OF
NAGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A STATE
UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN
UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR"**

taking into consideration, **Senate Bill No. 1755**, introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar, entitled:

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and **Senate Bill No. 1756**, introduced by Senator Christopher Bong Go, entitled:

**“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BICOL STATE COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES
AND TECHNOLOGY INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS
THE PHILIPPINE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 6858, taking into consideration, Senate Bill Nos. 1755 and 1756, be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 8, line 20, insert a new Section 19, to read as follows:

“SEC. 19. COMPLIANCE WITH CHED REQUIREMENTS. - THE PROVISIONS, OF THIS ACT NOTWITHSTANDING, THE CONVERSION OF THE BISCAST TO A STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY UPON THE DETERMINATION AND DECLARATION BY THE CHED, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A PANEL OF EXPERTS CONSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE, THAT THE INSTITUTION HAS COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A UNIVERSITY STATUS BASED ON CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 46, SERIES OF 2012 (POLICY-STANDARD TO ENHANCE QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) IN PHILIPPINE HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH AN OUTCOMES-BASED AND TYPOLOGY-BASED QA): PROVIDED, THAT THE PANEL MAY ISSUE SUCH RECOMMENDATION WHEN THE BISCAST HAS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANT OF UNIVERSITY STATUS.

THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A UNIVERSITY, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CHED, SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH:

A. EMPLOYMENT OF FULL-TIME, PERMANENT FACULTY MEMBERS WHO POSSESS RELEVANT DEGREES IN THEIR AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, AS REQUIRED BY THE CHED, AND SHALL HAVE PARTICIPATED IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISCIPLINES, AS EVIDENCED BY REFEREED PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER SCHOLARLY OUTPUTS;

B. OFFERING OF A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF DEGREE PROGRAMS IN ALL LEVELS, FROM BASIC POST-SECONDARY TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS;

C. CONDUCT OF VIABLE RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN SPECIFIC DISCIPLINAL AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY AREAS OF STUDY THAT PRODUCE NEW KNOWLEDGE, AS EVIDENCED BY REFEREED PUBLICATIONS, CITATIONS, INVENTIONS, AND PATENTS, AMONG OTHERS;

D. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE LEARNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES, TO INCLUDE LIBRARIES, PRACTICUM LABORATORIES, RELEVANT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, AND LINKAGES WITH RELEVANT DISCIPLINAL AND PROFESSIONAL SECTORS, SO AS TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO EXPLORE BASIC, ADVANCE, AND EVEN CUTTING-EDGE KNOWLEDGE IN A WIDE RANGE OF DISCIPLINES OR PROFESSIONS;

E. MAINTENANCE OF LINKAGE AND AFFILIATION WITH OTHER RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD TO ENSURE THAT THE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE BISCASST ARE FUNCTIONING AT CURRENT GLOBAL STANDARDS; AND

F. CONDUCT OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO ALLOW THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND RESEARCH STAFF TO APPLY THE NEW KNOWLEDGE THEY GENERATE TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

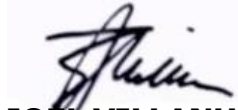
THE CHED, THROUGH ITS REGIONAL OFFICE, SHALL REGULARLY PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE BISCASST AND MONITOR ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION.

THE BISCASST SHALL RETAIN ITS STATUS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT UNTIL IT IS ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED HEREIN."

2. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.


Respectfully submitted:

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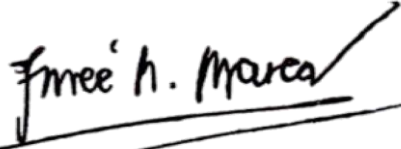


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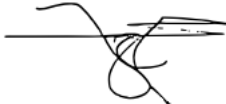
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