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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING CAMPUSES OF THE ILOCOS SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN JUAN AND CABUGAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, TO BE KNOWN RESPECTIVELY AS THE "ILOCOS SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE-SAN JUAN CAMPUS" AND THE "ILOCOS SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE-CABUGAO CAMPUS", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The main campus of the Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) is located in Santa Maria, Ilocos Sur and the five other campuses are strategically located in Candon City and the municipalities of Narvacan, Santiago, Tagudin, and Cervantes, in the second district of Ilocos Sur. The institution is mandated to give professional and technical training both in the undergraduate and graduate levels in the fields of economics, agriculture, fishery, trade, home industry, engineering, education, forest research and conservation, management, finance, accounting and business administration, public administration and other fields as may be relevant, besides providing for the promotion of scientific and technological researches

which the College deems necessary in carrying out its objectives.¹ The municipalities of San Juan and Cabugao are located in the first legislative district of Ilocos Sur and the establishment of additional campuses will bolster the mandate of the state college and will strengthen the institutional capacity of ISPSC in providing quality and accessible tertiary education within Ilocos Sur and its neighboring provinces, as well as increase the resources available in materializing the constitutional mandate of making education accessible to all.²

This bill seeks to establish two campuses which shall each be headed by a Campus Administrator. The minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education for its operation shall be fully complied with and the provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act. Research centers shall be established for forest advancement, animal research and textile innovation. All assets, personnel and records of the proposed campuses, as well as their liabilities, shall be named after the state college and should any of the campuses cease to exist, they shall revert to the concerned local government unit or the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

WIN GATCHALIAN

¹ Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College, Official Website (See https://ispsc.edu.ph/about/)

² Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 9823 by Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, 18th Congress



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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College San Juan and Cabugao Campuses Act".

Sec. 2. There are hereby established campuses of the Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College in the Municipalities of San Juan and Cabugao, Province of Ilocos Sur, to be known respectively as the ISPSC-San Juan Campus and the ISPSC-Cabugao Campus.

Sec. 3. The ISPSC-San Juan Campus and the ISPSC-Cabugao Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within their respective areas of competency and

specialization, and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of their objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Ilocos Sur and Region I.

The ISPSC-San Juan Campus and the ISPSC-Cabugao Campus are also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

Sec. 4. The ISPSC-San Juan Campus and the ISPSC-Cabugao Campus shall each be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the ISPSC, subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

- Sec. 5. To effectively carry out the mandate, as well as to fulfill the goals of the ISPSC, the following research centers shall be established in each of the two campuses:
 - a) Forest Advancement and Resources Management Research Center, which shall focus on the protection and preservation, as well as the creation of research-based policies for the conservation of local flora and other forest resources;
 - b) Animal Research Center, which shall focus on the generation of knowledge and technologies that will promote an effective generation and management of veterinary resources; and
 - c) Textile Innovation Research Center, which shall focus on the development and innovation of raw materials needed in the textile industry.

Whenever necessary, the campuses shall create consortia to achieve a broader reach into their area of influence and thus expand the number of beneficiaries of the activities of the research centers herein created.

Sec. 6. The ISPSC shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the ISPSC-San Juan Campus and the ISPSC-Cabugao Campus, including those related to their course offerings, are fully complied with.

Sec. 7. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the ISPSC-San Juan Campus and the ISPSC-Cabugao Campus, as well as their liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after the ISPSC. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the integration to the ISPSC shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the ISPSC-San Juan Campus and the ISPSC-Cabugao Campus shall be titled under the ISPSC: *Provided*, That should the campuses or the ISPSC cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the ISPSC, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

Sec. 8. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern for the ISPSC-San Juan Campus and the ISPSC-Cabugao Campus. The said organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be submitted by the Chairperson of the CHED to the Secretary of the DBM for approval.

Sec. 9. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

Sec. 10. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

 Sec. 11. If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 12. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, administrative orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 13. Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the IRR, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,