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S.B. No. <u>1224</u>

### Introduced by SENATOR WIN GATCHALIAN

#### AN ACT

# ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MUNAI, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY-MUNAI CAMPUS", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Mindanao State University (MSU) was established on September 1, 1961 through Republic Act (R.A.) No. 1387. The MSU System is composed of autonomous campuses, namely: MSU-Marawi, MSU-IIT (Iligan Institute of Technology), MSU-General Santos, MSU-TCTO (Tawi-tawi College of Technology and Oceanography), MSU-Naawan, MSU-Sulu, MSU-Buug and MSU-Maguindanao, along with its satellite campuses including MSU-Maigo School of Arts and Trade (MSU-MSAT), MSU-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College (MSU-LNAC), and MSU-Lanao National College of Arts and Trade (MSU-LNCAT).

Under the leadership of its President, Atty. Basari Dimakuta Mapupuno, MSU aims to continue achieving development in the MinSuPala (Mindanao, Sulu and Palawan) regions within an educational platform of "unity within diversity." It also incessantly seeks to reach academic and semiacademic excellence both in the local and global arena.<sup>1</sup> The establishment of a campus in the Municipality of Munai, Lanao del Norte will provide underprivileged but deserving students in Munai and its neighboring municipalities with educational opportunities and shall serve as an avenue for students to focus and learn business, public administration, entrepreneurship, and sciences.<sup>2</sup>

This bill seeks to establish a campus which shall be headed by a Campus Administrator. It shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization and shall undertake research and extension services to provide progressive leadership in these areas. The minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education for its operation shall be fully complied with and the provisions of R.A. No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act. All assets, personnel and records of the proposed campus, as well as its liabilities, shall be named after the state university and should the campus cease to exist, it 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.

GATCHALIAN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mindanao State University System, Official Facebook Page

<sup>(</sup>See <u>https://web.facebook.com/msusystem/?\_rdc=1&\_rdr</u>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Explanatory Note, House Bill No. 9428 by Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo and Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 "Mindanao State University Munai Campus Act".

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Sec. 2. There is hereby established a campus of the Mindanao State
University (MSU) in the Municipality of Munai, Province of Lanao Del Norte,
to be known as the Mindanao State University-Munai Campus.

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8 Sec. 3. The MSU-Munai Campus shall primarily provide short-term, 9 technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of 10 competency and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred 11 to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, 12 and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Lanao Del Norte and Region X. The MSU-Munai Campus is also
 mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide
 progressive leadership in these areas.

The existing reasonably-sized laboratory high school shall continue to operate under the supervision of the College of Education to serve the incampus requirements of its students.

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8 Sec. 4. The MSU-Munai Campus shall be headed by a Campus 9 Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by 10 the Board, subject to qualifications standards prescribed by the Board, and 11 based on the recommendation of the search committee duly constituted for 12 the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.

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14 Sec. 5. The MSU-Munai Campus shall comply with the minimum 15 requirements for its operation and program offerings, as prescribed by the 16 Commission on Higher Education.

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Sec. 6. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the
MSU-Munai Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled
under or named after the MSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the MSU-Munai Campus shall be the property of the MSU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campus cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the MSU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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Sec. 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as
the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

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Sec. 8. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall

1 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

3 Sec. 9. If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or 4 unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not affected shall remain 5 in full force and effect.

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Sec. 10. 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.

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Sec. 11. 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,