

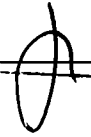
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 111

Submitted by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means; and Finance on AUG 29 2023.

Re: House Bill No. 7088

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 7088 with amendments

Sponsor: Senator Francis G. Escudero

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means; and Finance to which were referred **House Bill No. 7088**, introduced by Representatives Daza, Go (M.), Suansing (M.A.), Eudela, Rodriguez (E.), *et al.*, entitled:

"AN ACT

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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 7088 be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 2, line 12, section 3, delete the phrase "as amended" and the comma "(,)" after the phrase;
2. On page 2, line 16, section 4, replace the acronym "UEP" with the word "**COLLEGE**";
3. On the same page, line 19, section 5, delete the phrase "its guidelines on qualifications standards, and based on" and insert the phrase "**THE GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS SET BY THE BOARD, AND UPON**";
4. On the same page, line 46, section 6, insert the word "**SEX**" and a comma "(,)" before the word "gender";
5. On the same page, line 47, delete the word "preference";
6. On the same page, line 49, delete the phrase "guidelines on qualification standards" and insert the phrase "**GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**";
7. On page 3, line 2, section 6, delete the phrase "church or religious sect" and insert the phrase "**RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION**";
8. On the same page, line 13, section 7, insert the word "**SEX**" and a comma "(,)" before the word "gender";

9. On the same page, line 14, delete the word "or" before the word "ethnic", then after the word "origin" insert a comma "(,)" and the phrase "**OR ANY OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION**";

10. On the same page, lines 20 to 28, rephrase the entire Section 9 to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. LOAN OR TRANSFER OF SUPPLIES, APPARATUSES, OR EQUIPMENT, AND DETAIL OF PERSONNEL TO THE COLLEGE. – HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES MAY, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD THROUGH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UEP, LOAN OR TRANSFER SUPPLIES, APPARATUSES, OR EQUIPMENT, AND DETAIL PERSONNEL TO THE COLLEGE: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH LOAN, TRANSFER OR DETAIL SHALL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

"THE PERSONNEL TO BE DETAILED TO THE COLLEGE SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS MAY BE DEEMED REQUIRED BY THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE AND THE TIME SPENT FOR SUCH DUTIES SHALL BE COUNTED AS PART OF THE DETAILED PERSONNEL'S REGULAR SERVICE."

11. On page 4, line 3, insert a new Section 12 to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. COMPLIANCE WITH CHED REQUIREMENTS. — THE UEP, PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE AND THE OFFERING OF NEW AND REVISED COURSES AND PROGRAMS

**RELATED THERETO, SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH
THE APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND
GUIDELINES OF THE CHED.”**

12. Finally, renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

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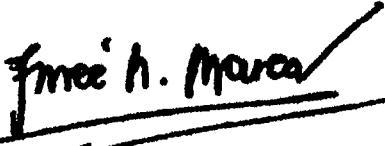
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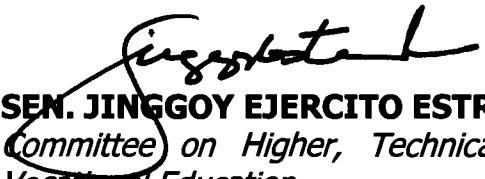
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H. No. 7088

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AN ACT

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Establishment.*** – There is hereby established a medical school in the
2 University of Eastern Philippines (UEP) located in the Municipality of Catarman, Province of
3 Northern Samar, to be known as the “*University of Eastern Philippines-College of Medicine*”.

4
5 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** - The University of Eastern Philippines- College of Medicine,
6 hereinafter referred to as the “*College*”, shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program,
7 including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program, consisting of basic science and clinical

1 courses, and using a learner-centered, competency-based, and community-oriented approach. The
2 primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the
3 healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development needs
4 of the Province of Northern Samar and Region VIII.

5
6 The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide
7 progressive leadership in these areas.

8 **SEC. 3. Governance.** – The governance of the College shall be vested in the Board of
9 Regents of the UEP, hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under Republic
10 Act No. 4126, entitled “An Act Converting the Samar Institute of Technology in the Municipality
11 of Cataman, Province of Samar, into a University to be Known as the University of Eastern
12 Philippines, and Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor”, as amended, and other
13 applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.

14
15 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The administration of the College shall be vested in the Dean of
16 the UEP insofar as may be authorized by its Board.

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18 **SEC. 5. The College Dean.** – The College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be
19 appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications standards, and based on the
20 recommendation of the President, following a process of consultation with the constituents of
21 the College. The Dean shall render full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be
22 reappointed to another term.

23
24 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the President of the UEP shall
25 constitute the Search Committee for the Deanship.

26
27 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided
28 for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state
29 universities and colleges and those delegated by the President.

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31 The salary of the Dean of the College shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466,
32 otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory
33 thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the
34 Deans of similar educational institutions.

35
36 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
37 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the functions of the office,
38 the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the President, designate an Officer-in-Charge of the
39 College, pending the appointment of a new Dean: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge shall
40 serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

41
42 The Dean of the College shall be assisted by a College Secretary, who shall be appointed
43 by the Board.

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45 **SEC. 6. The Faculty.** – The Board shall, upon the recommendation by the President of
46 the UEP, appoint the faculty members of the College: *Provided*, That no political belief, gender
47 preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation
48 shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the College: *Provided*,
49 *further*, That said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines on qualification standards set

1 by the Board: *Provided, finally.* That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any
2 particular church or religious sect.

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4 **SEC. 7. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The College shall provide scholarships
5 and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for
6 admission to the College. Students who have availed themselves of the scholarship program under
7 Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the “Doktor Para sa Bayan Act”, shall render a return
8 service in accordance with the said law. Students availing themselves of other nationally-funded
9 scholarship programs to complete the medicine degree program under the College may be required
10 to render a return service depending on the contract to be signed between the student and the
11 College.

12
13 No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of gender, religion, cultural
14 or community affiliation, physical disability, or ethnic origin.

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16 **SEC. 8. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The College shall enjoy
17 academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV
18 of the Constitution.

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20 **SEC. 9. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies, and Detail of***
21 ***Personnel.*** – Upon the request of the Board, through the President of the UEP, the heads of the
22 bureaus and offices of the national government may loan or transfer to the college such
23 apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by it, and detail employees for duty therein
24 when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, the apparatus, equipment, supplies or
25 services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

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27 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the Dean of
28 the College, and the time so served shall be counted as part of their regular service.

29
30 **SEC. 10. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets, both real and
31 personal, personnel, and records of the College, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be
32 titled or named after the UEP.

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34 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the College shall be the
35 property of the UEP, and titled under its name: *Provided,* That should the UEP cease to exist or
36 be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the UEP, the
37 same shall revert to the Municipality of Catuanan or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case
38 may be.

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40 **SEC. 11. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation by the College of medical books
41 or publications, medical equipment or instruments which are for medical, laboratory or scientific
42 purposes shall, upon certification by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), be exempt
43 from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise
44 known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.

45
46 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used actually,
47 directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the College, shall be exempt from donor’s
48 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from gross income for purposes of
49 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National

1 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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3 **SEC. 12. *Supplementary Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise
4 known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

5 **SEC. 13. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
6 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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8 **SEC. 14. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the approval
9 of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to
10 implement the provisions of this Act.
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12 **SEC. 15. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is
13 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force
14 and effect.
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16 **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules
17 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed,
18 or modified accordingly.
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20 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
21 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,