



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5331

BY REPRESENTATIVES SOLIS, VILLAR, ABAYON AND SALCEDA, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1595

AN ACT INTEGRATING THE BICOL UNIVERSITY – GUBAT
EXTENSION CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT,
PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS A REGULAR BRANCH OF THE
BICOL UNIVERSITY IN LEGASPI CITY, PROVINCE OF ALBAY,
DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Integration.* – The Bicol University – Gubat Extension
2 Campus in the Municipality of Gubat, Province of Sorsogon is hereby
3 integrated as a regular branch of the Bicol University (BU) located in Legaspi
4 City, Province of Albay. It shall be known as the Bicol University – Gubat
5 Campus.

6 SEC. 2. *Objectives.* – The Bicol University – Gubat Campus shall
7 provide quality and affordable higher education to the people. It shall develop

1 and provide relevant technology and academic programs that will hasten the
2 social and economic development of the Province of Sorsogon.

3 SEC. 3. *Curricular Offerings.* – The Bicol University – Gubat Campus
4 shall continue to offer the same courses being offered prior to its integration
5 with the BU, namely: Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of
6 Secondary Education, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Bachelor of
7 Science in Food Technology and Diploma in Agricultural Technology. It shall
8 also offer courses in Forestry, Fishery and other relevant courses within its
9 areas of specialization and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents
10 of the BU may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly to meet
11 the needs of the Province of Sorsogon.

12 SEC. 4. *Administration.* – The administration of the Bicol University –
13 Gubat Campus shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the said University in
14 accordance with Republic Act No. 5521, otherwise known as the “Charter of
15 the Bicol University”.

16 The Board of Regents of the BU shall have the full authority to
17 determine the organizational structure, academic, research and extension
18 programs, the qualifications and number of academic personnel, enrollment
19 and such other matters related to the administration and operation of the Bicol
20 University – Gubat Campus.

1 SEC. 5. *Implementation.* – The Board of Regents of the BU is hereby
2 authorized to formulate rules, regulations and guidelines to fully implement the
3 provisions of this Act not later than the opening of the next school year
4 following the approval of this Act.

5 SEC. 6. *Filing of Report.* – Within three months after the integration of
6 the Gubat Extension Campus with the BU, the Board of Regents of the BU
7 shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines through the
8 Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, and with both Houses of
9 Congress, a detailed report on the actions it has taken pursuant hereto.

10 SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the initial
11 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's funding
12 provided by the local government unit (LGU) concerned. The LGU shall
13 continue to provide assistance to the BU corresponding to the funding given to
14 the Bicol University – Gubat Extension Program before the same is integrated
15 into the BU until such time that the full funding requirement of the BU is
16 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

17 SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision
18 of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
19 provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

20 SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive
21 orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or

1 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
2 accordingly.

3 SEC. 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
4 days after its publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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