



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4410

BY REPRESENTATIVES SOLIS, VILLAR, LAGMAN AND REMULLA, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 748

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
8 and provide relevant technology and academic programs that will hasten the
9 socioeconomic development of the Province of Sorsogon.

10 SEC. 3. *Curricular Offerings.* – The Bicol University – Gubat Campus
11 shall continue to offer the same courses being offered prior to its integration
12 with the Bicol University, namely: Bachelor of Elementary Education,

1 Bachelor of Secondary Education, BS in Computer Science, BS in Food
2 Technology and Diploma in Agricultural Technology. It shall also offer
3 courses in forestry, fishery and other relevant courses within its areas of
4 specialization and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents of the
5 Bicol University may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly to
6 meet the needs of the Province of Sorsogon.

7 SEC. 4. *Administration.* – The administration of the Bicol University –
8 Gubat Campus shall be vested in the Board of Regents of the said university,
9 hereinafter referred to as the Board, in accordance with Republic Act No.
10 5521, otherwise known as the “Charter of the Bicol University”.

11 The Board of the Bicol University shall have the full authority to
12 determine the organizational structure, academic, research and extension
13 programs, the qualifications and number of academic personnel, enrollment
14 and such other matters related to the administration and operation of the Bicol
15 University – Gubat Campus.

16 SEC. 5. *Campus Site.* – The Municipality of Gubat, Province of
17 Sorsogon shall identify the proposed campus site to be incorporated to the
18 Bicol University as its Gubat Campus.

19 This parcel of land to be occupied by the Bicol University – Gubat
20 Campus is hereby declared to be property of the Bicol University, and shall be
21 titled under that name: *Provided*, That should the Bicol University cease to
22 exist or be abolished, or should said parcel of land aforementioned be no
23 longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the Municipality of
24 Gubat.

25 SEC. 6. *Implementation.* – The Board of the Bicol University is hereby
26 authorized to formulate rules, regulations and guidelines to fully implement the
27 provisions of this Act, not later than the opening of the next school year
28 following the approval of this Act.

1 SEC. 7. *Filing of Report.* – Within three (3) months after the
2 integration of the Gubat Extension Campus with the Bicol University, the
3 Board of the Bicol University shall file with the Office of the President of the
4 Philippines through the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education
5 and with both Houses of Congress a detailed report on the actions it has taken
6 pursuant hereto.

7 SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the initial
8 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's funding
9 provided by the Municipality of Gubat. The Municipality of Gubat shall
10 continue to provide assistance to the Bicol University corresponding to the
11 funding given to the BU – Gubat Extension Program before the same is
12 integrated into the Bicol University until such time that the full funding
13 requirement of the BU – Gubat Extension Campus is included in the annual
14 General Appropriations Act.

15 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision
16 of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
17 provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

18 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive
19 orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or
20 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
21 accordingly.

22 SEC. 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
23 days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,