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House Bill No. **1585**



Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to recognize EVSU Dulag Satellite Campus as one of the regular campuses of the Eastern Visayas State University, in line with the government's mandate to provide accessible and affordable college education.

In 2004, Republic Act No. 9311, otherwise known as "An Act Converting the Leyte Institute of Technology (LIT) in the Province of Leyte into a State University to be known as the Eastern Visayas State University, and Appropriating Funds Therefor" created the Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU).

Section 2 of RA 9311 provides that the general mandate of EVSU is to provide advanced education, higher technological professional instruction and training in trade, fishery, agriculture, forestry, science, education, commerce, architecture, engineering and related courses. It shall also undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization. The main campus of EVSU is in Tacloban City, and maintains campuses in Burauen, Carigara, Ormoc, Tanauan and Dulag, Leyte.

The contribution of EVSU as an institute of higher learning is pivotal to overall development of province of Leyte - not only in providing quality education, but also in producing labor market-ready graduates. It is therefore high time to upgrade the status of EVSU-Dulag to a regular campus, considering the ever-growing demands of the communities in the province of Leyte.

1 The conversion of EVSU-Dulag into a regular campus will expand its
2 capacity to provide quality tertiary education and increase the resources
3 available to ensure its operations, consistent with the constitutional mandate of
4 establishing and maintaining a complete, adequate, and integrated system of
5 education relevant to the goals of national development.
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8 In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.
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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE DULAG SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE
EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (EVSU) LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF DULAG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, INTO A REGULAR
CAMPUS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9311,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Eastern Visayas State
University-Dulag Campus Act".

Section 2. Conversion - The Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU)
– Dulag Satellite Campus located in the Municipality of Dulag, Province of
Leyte, is hereby converted into a regular campus of the Eastern Visayas State
University to be known as the Eastern Visayas State University-Dulag Campus
(EVSU-Dulag).

Section 3. Curricular Offerings - The EVSU-Dulag Campus shall offer
short-term technical-vocational education and training (TVET) courses,

1 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and other related and relevant
2 fields of study within its areas of competency and specialization, as the Board
3 of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and meet the
4 human resource development needs of the Province of Leyte and Eastern
5 Visayas.

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7 The EVSU-Dulag Campus shall also undertake research, extension
8 services, and production activities in support of the socioeconomic
9 development of the province and the region and provide progressive leadership
10 in these areas.

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12 **Section 4. Board of Regents** - The governance of the EVSU-Dulag
13 shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents (BOR), hereinafter referred
14 to as the Board, created under Republic Act No. 9311 otherwise known as "An
15 Act Converting the Leyte Institute of Technology (LIT) in the Province of Leyte
16 into a State University and Appropriating Funds Therefor" and Republic Act No.
17 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997".
18 All policies, rules and regulations approved by EVSU BOR shall be applied to
19 EVSU-Dulag.

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21 **Section 5. The Campus Administrator.** – The administration of EVSU-
22 Dulag shall be the responsibility of the Campus Administrator who shall be
23 appointed by the EVSU President and confirmed by the Board. He shall serve
24 on a full-time basis and shall hold office for a term of three (3) years and shall
25 be eligible for reappointment for another term.

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27 The powers and duties of the Campus Administrator of EVSU-Dulag
28 shall be similar to the powers and duties of the Campus Administrator in other
29 EVSU campuses. He shall represent EVSU-Dulag in the Administrative Council
30 and Academic Council of the University.

31 **Section 6. Assets, Liabilities and Personnel** - All assets, real and
32 personal, personnel and records of the EVSU-Dulag Satellite Campus located

1 in the Municipality of Dulag, Province of Leyte, as well as its liabilities or
2 obligations, are hereby transferred to the EVSU. The positions, rights and
3 security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under
4 existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.
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6 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the EVSU-
7 Dulag Satellite Campus are hereby transferred to the EVSU, and shall be titled
8 under its name: *Provided*, That should the campus or the University cease to
9 exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no
10 longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the local government
11 units concerned.
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13 **Section 7. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the
14 initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's
15 funding of the EVSU-Dulag Satellite Campus as provided by the Municipality of
16 Dulag, Province of Leyte.
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18 The Municipality of Dulag shall provide the same funding to EVSU Dulag
19 corresponding to the funding given before the same is integrated into EVSU
20 and the full amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of
21 the EVSU-Dulag is included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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23 **Section 8. Development Plan, Management Audit, and**
24 **Organizational / Administrative / Academic Structure** - Within one hundred
25 twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, EVSU-Dulag shall accomplish
26 the following:
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- 28 (a) Submit a five (5) year development plan, including its corresponding
29 program budget to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), for
30 corresponding recommendation to the Department of Budget and
31 Management (DBM);
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1 (b) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and

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3 (c) Set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic
4 structure, including the appointment / designation of EVSU-Dulag
5 officials.
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7 **Section 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90)
8 days from the approval of this Act, the EVSU Board of Regents shall, in
9 consultation with the CHED, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement
10 the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued
11 pursuant to this Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this
12 Act.
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14 **Section 10. Separability Clause.** - Republic Act No. 9311, which
15 establishes the EVSU, is hereby amended. If any part or provision of this Act is
16 held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts for provisions hereof which are not
17 affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.
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19 **Section 11. Repealing Clause** - All laws, decrees, executive orders,
20 rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the
21 provisions of this Act are deemed amended, repealed or modified accordingly.
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23 **Section 12. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
24 following completion of its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two
25 (2) newspapers of general circulation.