



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 3927

Introduced by Honorable Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to the “one state college, one province” policy, this bill envisions to remove the Digos City campus as an annex to the main campus of Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST) in Davao Occidental, and thereafter create and establish other campuses within the province.

On February 8, 1982, Batas Pambansa Blg. 148 converted the Malita Municipal High School into a state college known as the Malita Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (MAMAST). The school’s name was changed to Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST) on March 9, 1984.

At present, the SPAMAST has three (3) campuses — two (2) in Davao Occidental and one (1) in Davao del Sur. The Malita main campus and Buhangin campus are both in Davao Occidental, while one campus is in Davao del Sur.

Under Republic Act 10360, the new province of Davao Occidental was created from the Province of Davao del Sur consisting of the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Malita, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos, and Sarangani. Davao Occidental commenced its corporate existence upon the election and qualification of its first set of elective officials on the May 19, 2016 national and local elections. Digos City, where the

Digos City campus is located, remained to be a municipality of Davao del Sur.

In view of the foregoing, it is but proper and fitting that the Digos City campus in Davao del Sur be separated from the SPAMAST in Davao Occidental.

Approval of this Bill is highly recommended.



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AN ACT

**REMOVING THE DIGOS CITY CAMPUS AS PART OF THE
SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AGRI-BUSINESS AND MARINE AND
AQUATIC SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY (SPAMAST),
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Separation of Digos City Campus from SPAMAST. –*

The Digos City campus of Southern Philippines Agri-Business and
Marine and Aquatic School of Technology in Barangay Matti, Digos
City, Davao del Sur shall cease to be an annex of the Southern
Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology
main campus in Malita, Davao Occidental. As such, they shall be
considered as separate and distinct from one another.

SEC. 2. *Creation and Establishment of Other Campuses. - Other*

campuses of Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic

1 School of Technology shall be created and established within Davao
2 Occidental.

3 SEC. 3. *Funding.* – The amount necessary to carry out the
4 provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General
5 Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and
6 thereafter. The Digos City campus shall continue to receive funding from
7 SPAMAST until such time that the said campus is fully separated and
8 independently funded.

9 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Board of
10 Trustees, in consultation the CHED, shall formulate the rules and
11 regulations necessary to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

12 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason, any part or
13 provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining
14 parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
15 effect.

16 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees,
17 executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the
18 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

19 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
20 after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

21 Approved,