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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Consistent with the 1987 Constitution, the State is mandated to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. (Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution)

For most of Filipino parents, education is a very important legacy that they can leave their children and serves as the fulfillment of their moral obligation as parents. This drives Filipino parents to always aim to give the best education to their children.

As such, this bill seeks to establish a City Public College in Cagayan de Oro City which will provide the basic facilities necessary to enhance the quest of the Kagay-anons for better education. An affordable college for high school graduates of the City of Cagayan de Oro will give much wider latitude to learning and technical-know-how in both tertiary and post-graduate levels. The college will enable the youth to finish their studies and afford them the opportunity of improving their status in life.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CITY PUBLIC COLLEGE IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY PUBLIC COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the joint supervision of the Commission on Higher Education and the City Government of Cagayan de Oro City, a City Public College in Cagayan de Oro City to be known as the Cagayan de Oro City Public College.
- SEC 2. The Cagayan de Oro City Public College shall cater to the poor but deserving students from the Barangays of Cagayan de Oro City.
- **SEC** 3. The Cagayan de Oro City Public College is hereby authorized to collaborate with the Mindanao University of Science and Technology in Cagayan de Oro City, under the joint supervision of the CHED and the City Government of Cagayan de Oro City and in consultation with the DBM, and work towards the restructuring of the College to become more efficient, relevant, productive and competitive.
- **SEC 4.** The area/site of the Cagayan de Oro City Public College shall be donated by the City Government of Cagayan de Oro City and is hereby declared to be property of the College, and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That should the College cease to exist or be abolished, or should said parcel of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the College, the same shall revert to the LGU concerned.
- SEC 5. There is hereby appropriated the initial amount of One Hundred Million Pesos to carry out the provisions of this Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Cagayan de Oro City Public College shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC 6. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,