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Introduced by **HONORABLE SCOTT DAVIES S. LANETE, M.D.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

As stated in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is the leading duty of the State 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. It is also its solemn mandate to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

Education is the primary conduit of knowledge. It is an established fact that most of the country's education greatly depend on public schools due to heavy financial burdens private schools impose. It is a sad reality that most people are denied education because of the lack of accessibility to public schools which offer broad educational programs. One of these is the Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology Learning Site in the Municipality of Cawayan. The Learning Site caters to those living in the municipalities included in the Third Congressional District of the Province of Masbate, specifically Cawayan, Placer, Pio V. Corpus, Esperanza, Dimasalang, Palanas, and part of Uson. However, it only offers TESDA courses and two-year non-degree programs. Thus, people in these areas have limited choices when it comes to the educational courses they want to pursue.

As a solution to this predicament, it is essential that the State take a proactive step by establishing a program that would directly accord these people immediate access to affordable and quality education. Only through such solution will the State accord the people their right to education. The number of people that will experience quality and satisfactory education will inevitably transform them into gems that will expedite the country's development.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

**SCOTT DAVIES S. LANETE, M.D.**

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**AN ACT INTEGRATING THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS LEARNING SITE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, AS A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY – CAWAYAN CAMPUS**

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

**SECTION 1. *Integration*** – The Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology Campus Learning Site in the Municipality of Cawayan, Province of Masbate, is hereby integrated as a regular campus of the Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology, hereinafter referred to as the State College. It shall be known as the Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology – Cawayan Campus, hereinafter referred to as the Campus.

**SECTION 2. *Campus Site*** – The parcel of land presently occupied by the Campus is hereby declared as the property of the State College, and the title shall be transferred under its name. Provided, that should the Campus cease to exist or be abolished, or should aforementioned parcel of the land is declared by the Board as no longer needed by the State College, ownership over the same shall revert to the Municipality of Cawayan.

**SECTION 3. *Appropriations*** – The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act, with respect to the Campus, shall be charged against the current year's funding provided by the Municipality of Cawayan. With regard to the

State College, the amount corresponding to the funding allotted to the Campus shall continue to be provided until such time that the full funding requirement of the Campus is included in the General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,