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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right of all citizens to quality education at all levels is enshrined in Section 1, Article XIV for the 1987 Constitution. In 2017, the State took appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all with the passage of Republic Act No. 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. This further encouraged bright young minds from less-privileged families to pursue tertiary studies. However, access is still an issue to some, especially those from far-flung areas and local government units that do not host any public or private universities or colleges. The municipality of Asturias is one of those LGUs.

Asturias is a third class municipality with a total population of 47,857 per the 2015 census. Its residents primarily rely on agriculture and fisheries albeit the town is also home to several industries producing limestone and cement. Without any higher educational institutions in the municipality, its residents are left at a disadvantage.

Establishing a satellite campus of the Cebu Technological University in Asturias will maximize the potential of its youth by drastically lowering the transportation, lodging, and other tangential costs to college education. Known as a leader in higher education not just in province but in the whole country, its outstanding faculty and staff and specialized knowledge shall harness the human resources of the municipality and promote inclusive growth and development.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU)
SATELLITE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASTURIAS,
PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "Cebu Technological University (CTU) - Asturias Campus Act".

Section 2. There is hereby established a campus of the Cebu Technological University, hereinafter referred to as the University, in the Municipality of Asturias, Province of Cebu, to be known as CTU-Asturias Campus.

Section 3. The CTU-Asturias Campus shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational education and training courses, undergraduate, and graduate degree programs, and relevant fields of study within its competence and areas of specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and those which respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Cebu and Region VII.

The CTU-Asturias Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic development of the province and the region, and to provide progressive leadership in the area.

Section 4. The CTU-Asturias Campus shall be headed by Campus Administrators who shall render full-time services and be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the

University. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

Section 5. The establishment of the CTU-Asturias Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for their operation and program offerings have been compiled with, as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education.

Section 6. All assets, real and personnel, personnel, and records of the CTU-Asturias Campus located in the Municipality of Asturias, Province of Cebu, as well its liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the CTU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the CTU-Asturias Campus are hereby transferred to the CTU, and shall be entitled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campus or the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the local government units concerned.

Section 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall be an integral part of this Act and together shall serve as part of the Governing Charter of the University.

Section 8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations to state universities and their officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials, whenever appropriate.

Section 9. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 10. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,