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**SENATE**  
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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTSP) IN BARANGAY  
BALUBAL, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE USTSP-  
BARANGAY BALUBAL, CAGAYAN DE ORO CAMPUS, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) is a state university established on August 16, 2016 by virtue of Republic Act No. 10919 through the amalgamation of the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental and the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT) in Claveria, Misamis Oriental. Both campuses are located in Northern Mindanao, the gateway to Mindanao, which offers a strategic location to train and develop students from all the other regions in Mindanao.<sup>1</sup> It has satellite campuses in Jasaan, Misamis Oriental, and Panaon and Oroquieta, Misamis Occidental. A satellite campus in Barangay Balubal,

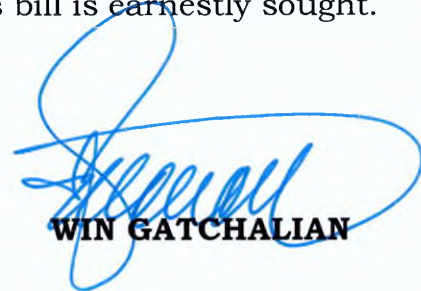
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<sup>1</sup> University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines, Official Website  
(See <https://www.ustp.edu.ph/#>)

Cagayan de Oro City will further serve the youth of the eastern part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Cagayan de Oro City.<sup>2</sup>

This bill seeks to establish a campus which shall be headed by a Campus Administrator. The provisions of R.A. No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act and shall serve as the governing charter of the University. All assets, personnel and records of the proposed campus, as well as its liabilities, shall be named after the state college and should the campus cease to exist, it shall revert to the concerned local government unit or the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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



**WIN GATCHALIAN**

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<sup>2</sup> Explanatory Note, House Bill No. 424 by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, 18<sup>th</sup> Congress

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

1           Section 1. This Act shall be known as the “University of Science and  
2 Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP)-Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de  
3 Oro Campus Act”.

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5           Sec. 2. There is hereby established a campus of the University of  
6 Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP), hereinafter referred  
7 to as the University, in Barangay Balubal, Cagayan De Oro City, to be known  
8 as the USTSP-Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de Oro Campus.

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10          Sec. 3. The USTSP-Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de Oro Campus shall  
11 primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and

1 graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant  
2 to its mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents,  
3 hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to carry out its  
4 objectives, and those which respond to the human resources development  
5 needs of Cagayan De Oro City and Region X.

6 The USTSP-Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de Oro Campus is also  
7 mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide  
8 progressive leadership in these areas.

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10 Sec. 4. The USTSP-Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de Oro Campus shall  
11 be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and  
12 shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of  
13 the search committee and the President of the University. Such appointment  
14 or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards  
15 set by the Board.

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17 Sec. 5. The establishment of the USTSP-Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de  
18 Oro Campus shall comply with the minimum requirements for its operation  
19 and program offerings as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher  
20 Education.

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22 Sec. 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the  
23 USTSP-Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de Oro Campus, as well as liabilities or  
24 obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights,  
25 and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the  
26 USTSP-Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de Oro Campus under existing laws prior  
27 to the integration to the university shall be respected.

28 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the USTSP-  
29 Barangay Balubal, Cagayan de Oro Campus are hereby declared to be the  
30 property of the University and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That  
31 should the University cease to exist or be abolished, or should such

1   aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the  
2   same shall revert to the concerned LGU or to the Republic of the Philippines,  
3   as the case may be.

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5           Sec. 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as  
6   the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form an integral part  
7   of this Act, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

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

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

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

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21           Sec. 11. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, administrative  
22   orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with or  
23   contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended  
24   accordingly.

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26           Sec. 12. Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the IRR, this Act shall  
27   take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a  
28   newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*