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S.B. No. **2823**

Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CAVITE CAMPUS OF THE EULOGIO "AMANG"
RODRIGUEZ INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL MARIANO ALVAREZ, PROVINCE OF CAVITE
INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that *"the State shall give priority to education."* The Constitution further declares that the State shall 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.

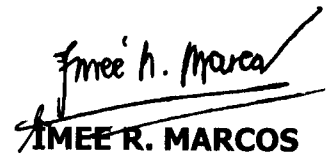
The Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (EARIST) was founded in 1945 as a vocational high school and was converted into a State Institute by virtue of Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1524 enacted on 11 June 1978. The EARIST is envisioned to be a center of excellence in trades, business, arts, and science and technology education through its mission to turn out vocationally, technically, technologically, and scientifically trained graduates who will be economically productive, self-sufficient, effective, responsible and disciplined citizens of the Philippines. The EARIST-Manila along Nagtahan Street in Santa Mesa, Manila serves as the main campus.

The EARIST – Cavite Campus formerly called EARIST-GASAT (General Alvarez School of Arts and Trades) is a satellite campus. It operates with the funding support from the budgetary allotment of its mother institution, EARIST Manila. It is the only state college in Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Cavite and is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP). Its present school site was donated by the National Housing Authority (NHA) in 1986, while the buildings inside the campus were

constructed through efforts of EARIST officials, the Provincial Government of Cavite and Fifth District of Cavite.

The bill seeks to convert the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (EARIST)-Cavite Campus into a regular campus to have a regular fund allocation in the national annual budget for its operations, which will encourage expansion of its services and facilities, in order to provide quality education not just for the students in Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Cavite but also to its neighboring municipalities in Cavite and CALABARZON Region.

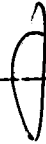
In view of the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Eulogio 'Amang'"
2 Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (EARIST)- Cavite Campus Act".
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4 **SEC. 2. Conversion into a Regular Campus.** – The EARIST-Cavite Campus
5 located in the Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez, Province of Cavite, is converted
6 into a regular campus of the EARIST to be known as the "EARIST-Cavite Campus".
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8 **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** – The EARIST-Cavite Campus shall offer short-term,
9 technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of
10 competency and specialization pursuant to mandate of the EARIST, and according to
11 its capability as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem
12 necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the
13 human resource development needs of the Province of Cavite and CALABARAZON
14 Region.
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16 The EARIST-Cavite Campus is also mandated to undertake research and
17 extension services in support of the socio-economic development and to provide
18 progressive leadership in these areas.
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20 **SEC. 4. Supervision and Management.** – The EARIST-Cavite Campus shall be
21 headed by a Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board subject to its guidelines,

1 qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of a Search Committee
2 duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

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4 **SEC. 5. *Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher***
5 ***Education (CHED).*** – The EARIST shall ensure the compliance of the EARIST-Cavite
6 Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation of a
7 regular campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the introduction
8 of new or revised programs prior to its conversion as a regular campus.

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10 **SEC. 6. *Management of Personnel, Assets and Records.*** – All assets, both real
11 and personal, personnel, and records of the EARIST-Cavite Campus, as well as its
12 liabilities and obligations, shall be transferred to the EARIST. The positions, rights, and
13 security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing
14 laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

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16 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the EARIST-Cavite
17 Campus shall be transferred to the EARIST: *Provided, that* should the campus or the
18 EARIST cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land
19 be no longer needed by the EARIST, the same shall revert to the local government unit
20 concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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22 **SEC. 7. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
23 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part
24 this Act.

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26 **SEC. 8. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
27 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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29 **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If for any reason, any part or provision of this Act
30 is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
31 shall remain in full force and effect.

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33 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
34 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act
35 are deemed amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

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37 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
38 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers
39 of general circulation.

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Approved,