

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7853, December 24, 1994]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE KALINGA-APAYAO SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF KALINGA-APAYAO, INTO AN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE APAYAO INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Kalinga-Apayao School of Arts and Trades in the Municipality of Conner, including its present Luna Extension in the Municipality of Luna, Province of Kalinga-Apayao, is hereby converted into an institute of science and technology under the supervision of the Commission on Higher Education to be known as the Apayao Institute of Science and Technology.

SEC. 2. The Institute shall primarily provide higher technological, professional and technical-vocational courses and training as well as science courses as may be authorized by the Commission on Higher Education: *Provided*, That the courses to be offered are consistent with the goals for local, regional and national development. It shall likewise promote research and development in the various disciplines and areas of specialization.

SEC. 3. The Institute shall be under the direct supervision of the Commission on Higher Education, and shall be headed by a vocational school superintendent.

SEC. 4. No student shall be denied admission to the Institute by reasons of sex, ethnic consideration and religious belief or affiliation.

SEC. 5. The body of teachers, instructors, master teachers and heads of departments shall constitute the faculty of the Institute.

SEC. 6. The faculty and other personnel of the Institute shall be covered by the Civil Service law, rules and regulations.

SEC. 7. All personnel, records, assets and properties, including buildings, sites and the improvements thereof, obligations, funds and appropriations of the Kalinga-Apayao School of Arts and Trades are hereby transferred to the Apayao Institute of Science and Technology.

SEC. 8. The Commission on Higher Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 9. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged