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The Senate on Tuesday approved on third and final reading a bill seeking to establish, convert, and rename public state universities and colleges (SUCs) nationwide, one of which is Zamboanga City State

Polytechnic College, here in Zamboanga City.

The bill on the ZCSPC conversion into a university was sponsored by Senator Francis Escudero, chairperson of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture.

House Bill 6741 was authored by Zamboanga Congressman Celso L. Lobregat.

Escudero sponsored the bill in the Senate for the conversion of Zamboanga City State Polytechnic College into the Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University upon its approval on final reading.

Recalled that Lobregat filed at the House of Representatives last December 2017 HBN 6741 which is an act converting Zamboanga City State Polytechnic College into a state university to be known as Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University.

It was transmitted to the Senate on December 12, 2017 and was approved on August 14, 2018.

Senator Escudero said the establishment and conversion of this state college into a university would help solve the problem on classroom-to-teacher-to-student shortage ratio here in Zamboanga Peninsula region, because ZCSPC caters not only to the Zamboangeños, but also to other students from the nearby provinces and the islands as well.

He added that this bill would guarantee budgetary appropriations for these schools to help provide their students a “better quality and accessible education for their constituencies.”

In an interview with ZCSPC President Dr. Nelson P. Cabral, he said that this approved bill will definitely mark another milestone in their college, since they have been longing for the realization of this bill for quite a long time.

Dr. Cabral also thanked Congressman Lobregat for shepherding the bill in Congress up to the Senate as well.

“ZCSPC family is very grateful to Congressman Celso Lobregat for passing this bill in Congress and the Senate as well to Senator Escudero and the senators who voted in favor for the passage of this bill, they are very instrumental in materializing this aspirations of our college all for the good of education here in Zamboanga City and the region as well,” Cabral said. —(Bhong Simbajon/RMN News)