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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 5216



**Introduced by Rep. Josephine Y. Ramirez- Sato
and Rep. Julieta R. Cortuna**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, of the Philippine Constitution states 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.

This constitutional mandate enshrine in the Presidential Decree No. 1341, a charter creating the Polytechnic University of *Philippines* (formerly known as *Philippine College of Commerce*).

Section 14 of the Presidential Decree No. 1341 provides that it shall be the concern of the university (the PUP) to disperse its programs in the countryside through a system of regional branches.

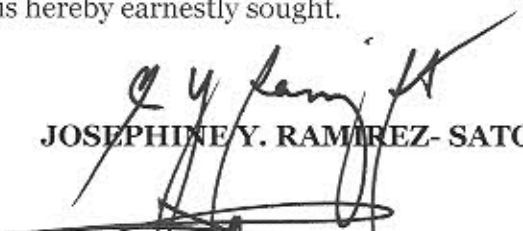
In the Municipality of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, the Polytechnic University of the Philippines have established their campus since August 2010 through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between parties. To date, it is in four (4) years of operations.

The MOA states that the academic matters were solely the responsibility of the PUP, to be run according to PUP academic system and standards. The establishment of the campus includes the identification of location, buildings construction, salary and wages of the professors and no teaching staff, miscellaneous and other operating expenses shall be borne by the Municipality of Sablayan.

Since its operation in 2010, PUP's positive impact to the economic activities in the Municipality of Sablayan and the province of Occidental Mindoro has been widely proven and recognized.

In spite of this impact and very noble mission to provide quality and affordable education to Mindoreños and youth from nearby provinces, the expenses for this purpose also increases annually, which may hamper other programs and basic services of the Municipality of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro which also needs to be attended to.

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


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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the **"PUP- SablayanCampus Act"**

SECTION 2. It is hereby declared by State to provide accessible, quality and affordable education to all. PUP System, since it was created proves the same.

SECTION 3. The PUP SablayanCampus shall offer graduate, undergraduate and short- term technical courses within the areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particular in order to meet the needs of the province and the region. The University Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and provides progressive leadership in these areas, includes the offering of post graduate degrees under the Open University System.

SECTION 3. The University shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth in the Corporation Law. The administration of the University and the exercise of its powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

SECTION 4. The University Campus shall provide a scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students to qualify for admission to the University.

No student shall be denied admission to the University Campus by reason of sex, religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

SECTION 5. The University Campus shall enjoy academic freedom.

University Campus faculties, staff and students religious belief shall be respected at all times.

SECTION 6. On or before the fifteenth of the second month after the opening of the regular classes each year, the Board shall file with both Houses of Congress a detailed report on the progress, conditions and needs of the PUP Sablayan Campus.

SECTION 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the PUP shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. In coordination with the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the PUP Sablayan Campus shall accomplish the following:

- (a) Submit a five (5) year development plan, including its corresponding program budget, to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the DBM;
- (b) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED;
- (c) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic, structure, including the appointment/ designation of University Campus key officials;

SECTION 9. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form an integral part of this Act and together shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

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

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

SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,