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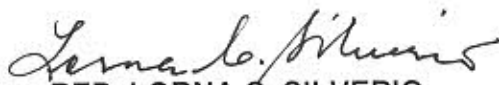
This bill seeks to establish the Bulacan State University – San Rafael Campus (BSU-SRC) in the Municipality of San Rafael, Province of Bulacan.

The establishment of the BSU-SRC is in response to the clamor of the people in San Rafael and nearby towns to access the academic services of BSU as a leading institution in the Province. As population grows and the demand for academic excellence and accessibility intensifies, the need to provide scholastic proximity is inevitable, most especially that financial resource of our people are insufficient to send their children to colleges and universities which are located in areas far-away from their homes. The rising cost of tuition and other school fees in private colleges and universities including the escalating transportation cost have deterred our students from taking up higher education of their choice in learning institutions with excellent academic expertise.

This proposed legislation will basically bring academic excellence right at the doorsteps of our poor but deserving students who aspire to take up graduate and undergraduate courses of their choice. BSU-SRC will provide both advanced instruction and research development in allied technological sciences including courses in education, environmental management, engineering, arts and related sciences and other degree courses within its area of specialization and according to its capabilities.

Furthermore, the establishment of the BSU-SRC will augment economic movement in San Rafael brought about by the convergence of people and opportunities created as a result of the emergence of the said institution.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY – SAN RAFAEL CAMPUS
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* – There is hereby established in the Municipality of San Rafael, Province of Bulacan, an extension campus to be known as the Bulacan State University – San Rafael Campus (BSU-SRC), herein referred to as the Campus.

SEC. 2. *General Mandate.* - The Campus shall primarily provide both advanced instruction and research in allied technological sciences including education, arts and related sciences. It shall also undertake extension and development programs, and provide the necessary instructional and research leadership in environmental and technological development in Region III.

SEC. 3. *Curricular Offerings.* – The Campus shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of environmental management, engineering, education, arts and sciences, and other degree courses within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Trustees of the BSU may deem necessary to carry out its objectives and in order to meet the needs of the Province of Bulacan and the nearby provinces.

The existing and any other future technical-vocational courses or programs under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall remain and continue to be offered within the Campus.

SEC. 4. *Administration.* – The Campus shall be administered and headed by the Campus Director. He or she shall be appointed by the Chairman of the BSU in consultation with its President, subject to the approval of the BSU Governing Board. He shall not be removed from office except for cause.

The powers and duties of the Campus Director, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of a university.

SEC. 5. *Management.* – The Campus shall be directly managed by the Bulacan State University – Main Campus located in the Municipality of Malolos, Province of Bulacan with the Governing Board of the University as the highest policy body.

SEC. 6. *Promulgation and Implementation of Policies.* – The Governing Board of the BSU-Main Campus shall have, with respect to the BSU-SRC, the following powers and duties”

- (a) To fix site of the Campus in San Rafael, Bulacan;
- (b) To enact for the management of the Campus such rules and regulations not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the Campus;
- (c) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the Campus;
- (d) To confirm appointments of the Academic Subject Head, Technical Education Specialist, Human Resource Management Officer, Dentist II, Registrar II, Administrative Officer II, Cashier, Supply officer, Librarian I, Bookkeeper, Nurse I, Guidance Counselor, Instructors and other officials and employees of the University made by the Campus Director 1; to fix their compensation, hours of service and such other duties and conditions as the Governing Board may promulgate, in accordance with the provisions of existing laws; to remove them for cause after investigation and hearing;
- (e) To approve the curricula and rules and discipline drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as hereinafter provided;
- (f) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation; to award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, public service, statesmanship or eminence in any field of specialization of the Campus and to authorize the Campus Director to award certificates for completion on non-degree programs;
- (g) To provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students;

- (h) To fix tuition fees and such other necessary school charges as the BSU Governing Board may deem proper to impose. Such fees and charges, including other incomes generated by the Campus shall constitute a special trust fund for the exclusive use of the Campus, any provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding;
- (i) To import duty-free essential commodities and materials for advanced educational or technological programs as an exception to existing laws, provided such commodities or materials are not available locally, and to receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds, to administer the same for the benefit of the Campus or for aid to any student in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and in default thereof, in such manner as the Governing Board may in its discretion determine. Such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and shall be considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donors, and
- (j) To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machineries, equipment and other facilities and the purchase of necessary supplies, materials, and equipment, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding *Provided*, however, that the funds for the purpose shall come from the authorized appropriation of the Campus.

SEC.7. *The BSU-SRC Board.* – There shall be a BSU-SRC Board, composed of the BSU-SRC Campus Director as Chairman; the Regional Director of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as Vice-Chairman, a representative of the National Economic Development Authority; and two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their profession or field or specialization of the University, one representing the alumni association of the BSU-SRC, the other chosen from prominent citizens of San Rafael, Bulacan, to be appointed by the Chairman of BSU-Main Campus, as members.

Until such time that there shall have been organized a BSU-SRC Alumni Association, the President of the Alumni Association of the BSU-Main Campus in Malolos, Bulacan shall also be an ex officio member of the BSU-SRC Board.

SEC. 8. *Promulgation and Implementation of Policies.* – The functions of the BSU-SRC Board shall be:

- (a) To prescribe for the administration of the Campus rules and regulations as are consistent with this Act and the policies laid down by the BSU-Governing Board in Malolos, Bulacan;
- (b) To act as citizens' committee to interpret the educational needs of the region to the BSU Governing Board;

- (c) To exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Governing Board – Main Campus may prescribe or delegate.

A quorum of the BSU-SRC Board shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the BSU-SRC Board shall be served on the Director or secretary thereof.

SEC. 9. Meetings of the Board. – The Board shall regularly convene at least once every quarter. However, the Chairman of the Board may, upon three (3) days prior written notice, call a special meeting whenever necessary.

A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all its members holding office at the time of the meeting; *Provided, however,* that the Chairman of the Board or the Director of the Campus is among those present in the meeting.

The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in their attendance to meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

SEC. 10. Administrative Council. – There shall be an Administrative Council of the BSU-SRC consisting of the Director as Chairman, and the Academic Subject Head, Technical Education Specialist and other officials of equal rank as members, whose duty shall be to implement policies governing the administration, management and development planning of the Campus as approved by the Board.

SEC. 11. Academic Council. – There shall be an Academic Council of the University with the Director of the BSU-SRC as Chairman and all other members of the Instructional Staff of the Campus as members.

The Academic Council shall have the power to prescribe the curricula and rules and discipline of the Campus subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the Campus as well as for graduation and the conferring of degrees, subject to review of the Board. The Council shall likewise have the power to recommend students to be recipients of degrees. Through the Director of the BSU-SRC or his duly authorized representative, the Council shall have a disciplinary power over the students of the Campus within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline as approved by the Board.

SEC. 12. Faculty. – No religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the Campus: *Provided, however, that,* no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SEC. 13. Scholarship Program/Admission. – The Campus shall provide a scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for admission to the Campus.

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

SEC. 14. *Filing of Report.* – On or before the Fifteenth (15th) day of the second month after the opening of the regular classes each year, the Board shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Chairman of the CHED, and to both Houses of Congress, a detailed report on the progress conditions and needs of the Campus.

SEC. 15. *Appropriations.* – An amount of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) shall be initially appropriated for the Campus from any available source in order to immediately open the campus. Thereafter, additional amount as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law.

SEC. 16. *Imposition of Powers.* – All other powers, functions and privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state college/universities and/or their officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the Campus and/or its officials whenever appropriate.

SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 18. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,